



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Chicago, Illinois  
April 12, 1966

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UNNAMED GROUP HEADED BY RICHARD  
CLAXTON GREGORY, SPONSORING PEACE  
RALLIES, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
RACIAL MATTER

The "Chicago Daily News," a daily publication in Chicago, Illinois, April 7, 1966, edition, carried an article titled "Use Ballots Not Bricks -- Gregory." This article reflects as follows:

"Comedian Dick Gregory told 500 persons, most of them Negroes, at a South Side rally that their problems will be solved by ballots, not bricks.

"Gregory, in beginning what he said will be a series of rallies to make Negroes aware of their political power and to stave off what could be a 'long hot summer' of rioting over civil rights, asserted:

"'This rally is to save lives. Violence is not the way. We will solve our problems one day and it won't be by the gun.'

"He said the rally, held Wednesday night at the United Packinghouse Workers Hall, 4859 S. Wabash, was political, "But we're not going to tell you how to vote. We're going to teach each other about politics. We're going to talk about political education.'

"The rally had entertainment - a combo and a girl singer - which Gregory said was 'the trick we used to get you all here. Now we're going to ask you to work hard through the summer,' he said, indicating it meant campaign work. Gregory is an announced candidate for mayor in 1967.

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"He said the rallies - he left the Packinghouse Hall to attend a second one Wednesday night and another is planned for Thursday night - would cost about \$20,000, which he expected to get through 'collections.'

"Others speaking during the three-hour meeting were Ald. Charles Chew (17th), who plans to run for the state Senate; Fred D. Hubbard, 1st District candidate for the U.S. House, and Lawrence Landry, head of ACT, a civil rights action group. (ACT is not a set of initials, but the name itself).

"Chew said 'instead of Negroes getting mad' about civil rights 'they should get smart. We're having problems because we've been voting for the wrong people. Education and legislation will get us what we want.'

"Hubbard said through politics the Negro can 'pursue the dream of life without prejudice.' He said only through the proper use of the ballot can 'the kind of system' be set up to sustain that dream."

A first confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on April 7, 1966, as follows concerning a peace rally held on April 6, 1966, on Chicago's south side at the Packinghouse Workers Hall, 4849 South Wabash. Comedian Dick Gregory, head of the sponsoring unnamed group told the packed audience of approximately 500 not to be violent, however, there was no need to be pushed around. (U)

Gregory announced plans to have mobiles on the streets of Chicago this summer so that his workers could obtain refreshments. Also, he planned to furnish transportation to the museum, zoo, and other points of interest in the Greater Chicago area. He announced his aims are to make working for him pleasant. He further announced that he would not tell those in the audience how to vote or to vote for him, however, they should consider the candidates and vote for the best man.

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It is noted that Gregory is an announced independent candidate for mayor of Chicago in 1967.

Supposedly the rally, first in a series, was designed to prevent violence in Chicago this summer.

Other speakers during the meeting, which ended at approximately 10:45 p.m. were Jean Williams, Lawyer, who following an introduction by Gregory pointed out the lawful rights of demonstrators and what position and course law officials would take concerning dramatizing various issues. Williams placed herself as the greatest lawyer the movement ever had and how fortunate the movement was to have her services. Alderman Charles Chew, Jr., of Chicago's 17th Ward was introduced by Gregory and made very brief remarks which were purely political in nature.

It is noted Chew has announced plans to run for the Illinois State Senate.

Gregory introduced, with high praise, Fred Hubbard who advocated strongly, non-violence. Hubbard in addition campaigned for himself and continually stressed his aspiration to unseat incumbent Congressman William L. Dawson.

Lawrence Landry, Chicago chairman of the organization ACT, spoke of violence and non-violence. He told the audience this non-violence thing could be "beautiful", but too much non-violence can also be disastrous. He invited the audience to come and actively participate in the current Chicago civil rights movement. The source pointed out that Landry did not show any enthusiasm while other speakers were speaking and he, in fact, appeared bored. The source concluded that generally the meeting was more political in nature than directed to the group's announced goal of preventing violence in Chicago.

On April 8, 1966, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised the Chicago Office of the FBI as follows concerning a rally sponsored by Dick Gregory which was held on April 7, 1966, on Chicago's west side at the Alex Theater, 3826 West Madison: ~~(U)~~

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A one cent cost of admission was charged to enter the theater, however, the cent was supplied by a male who stood out front. Entering, the source said, he encountered west side Chicago Negro youth gangs well represented. The theater was very noisy as gang members stood and shouted their various gang affiliations. The source recognized several members of the Vice Lords, a west side Chicago Negro youth gang.

Dick Gregory appeared on stage at approximately 9:15 p.m. to quiet the audience of approximately 600, inclusive of children, 8, 9, and up. Entertainment was supplied by an organ and saxophone combo playing jazz.

Gregory developed instant influence and rapport with the audience by speaking on the grass-roots level of his audience. He told many double meaning jokes and proceeded into a talk designed to prepare the audience for political activity and for later assumption of control of their community. Gregory announced there would be no rioting now or this summer. He instructed the audience to "cool it" and to be prepared to control their community in the not too distant future. The source surmised that Gregory spoke out of both sides of his mouth. The audience was thoroughly confused as to what position Gregory actually took on violence as opposed to non-violence.

Another speaker, Fred Hubbard, spoke mainly with direction toward prompting the audience to involve themselves politically, considering the power they possessed through the ballot.

The "Chicago Daily Defender," a Negro owned and operated daily publication in Chicago, Illinois, April 6, 1966, edition, carried an article entitled "Peace Rallies Set For Today And Thursday." This article reflects as follows:

"The first three Chicago peace rallies will be held today and Thursday, comic Dick Gregory and grocer Leo Rudendorf announced.

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"Rugendorf has agreed to underwrite six of the rallies at an estimated cost of \$25,000.

"Tonight's rally will be held at the Packinghouse Hall, 49th St. and S. Wabash Ave. at 7:30 p.m. An hour later, the rally will move to Englewood's Regent Ballroom, 6836 S. Halsted St.

"Entertainers 'Guitar Red,' Paul Bascomb and Parnella Williams will headline the entertainment while 17th Ward Ald. Charles Chew, Fred Hubbard, Lawrence Landry, Rev. Archie Hargraves, Attorney Jean Williams and Dick Gregory will deliver speeches. Thursday, the westside rally will go into the Alex Theatre, 3826 W. Madison St. at 8p.m. Due to insurance regulations which protect theatre-goers, a one-cent admission will be charged. However, Rugendorf will be on hand with a bushel of pennies to pay the admission fee.

"Rugendorf gave financial support to the successful 'Christmas for Mississippi' project which supplied more than 50,000 turkeys to both Negro and white people. He was also instrumental in bringing Sammy Davis, Jr. to McCormick Place for the climax of the Christmas fund-raising drive.

"Gregory noted that Chicago and Los Angeles turned down the federal government project offered to 21 cities for the purpose of studying and quelling racial violence. After the Watts incident, he feels that citizens in Chicago should take the reins and responsibility and do whatever is necessary to help avoid any possible racial outbreak here.

"Rugendorf agreed with the comedian-civil rights leader: 'We must do whatever it takes to try to avoid blood-letting and property destruction in Chicago. That is why I'm willing to spend my money in attempting to stave off trouble.'

"Dates and locations of future rallies will be announced later, they said."

Concerning [redacted] a third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 12, 1966, that [redacted] is an ex-convict with an extensive record of arrests,

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which includes extortion, armed robbery and robbery. He has been connected with many members of the organized crime element in Chicago, most notable of which is Felix Alderisio, with whom he has been involved in the "loan shark" business. ~~Q~~ (U)

Region I, 113th INTC Group, United States Secret Service and the United States Attorney, all Chicago, Illinois, are being furnished with this information.

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

The "Chicago Daily News," a Chicago daily newspaper, for 5/3/66, carried an article which in summary reflects that comedian DICK GREGORY was sentenced to five months in County Jail and was fined \$1,400 on charges of battery and resisting arrest. These charges related to GREGORY's arrest during a civil rights protest march 6/11/65. The sentence was imposed by Jury Court Magistrate MAURICE W. LEE. GREGORY advised a "Daily News" reporter that, "This is another one of Mayor DALEY's stunts," apparently referring to GREGORY's candidacy for mayor of Chicago in 1967.

GREGORY's attorney, [redacted] indicated this sentence will be appealed and posted \$5,000 bond for GREGORY.

The Chicago Division will attempt to review pertinent records when available after which a letterhead memorandum relating to this matter will be submitted.

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To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

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From: SAC, PHILADELPHIA

☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

Subject:

DICK GREGORY

APPEARANCE AT FRANKLIN AND  
MARSHALL COLLEGE, LANCASTER, PA.

4/30/66

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## Summary of Complaint:

Re Philadelphia teletypes to Director 4/27 and  
5/1/66.

Submitted herewith to Bureau are eight copies of  
a self-explanatory LHM.

INTC, OSI, NISO, Secret Service, and USA, EDPA.,  
have been advised locally.

The first source who furnished information re  
remarks of GREGORY at Franklin and Marshall College is  
[redacted] Lancaster, Pa., on  
4/30/66.

The second source is [redacted]

who furnished this

ACTION: UACB: information to SA PHILIP M. CULLEN on 4/29/66.

☐ No further action being taken and☐ LHM enclosed☐ Copy furnished to USA☐ LHM being submitted☐ Report being submitted☐ Preliminary investigation instituted☐ Limited investigation instituted

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File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

May 3, 1966

DICK GREGORY APPEARANCE AT  
FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE,  
LANCASTER, PA., APRIL 30, 1966

In accordance with prior arrangements, DICK GREGORY appeared on the campus of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., on the afternoon of April 30, 1966, in connection with a program to raise funds for PREP, a pre-college enrichment program for disadvantaged youths to be held at Franklin and Marshall College this coming summer.

The weather was raw and damp with intermittent heavy rain, so that the planned outdoor campus rally at which GREGORY was to appear was moved indoors on the campus.

A source who attended the rally advised the hall was not overcrowded and said GREGORY's hour-long talk covered a range of subjects, including the Vietnam war, but he did not dwell on particular racial injustices to any extent or try to incite the students on any particular racial crusade. The source said the audience did not create any disturbance and at the conclusion of the program left the area without lingering.

A second source on the Franklin and Marshall Campus advised that during the latter part of the week before GREGORY's appearance on Saturday, April 30, 1966, he noticed student campus leaders were quietly being called in for discussion with college administrative officials and said he believed college officials were taking this method to forestall any possible campus demonstration at the time of GREGORY's visit.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-4253)  
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)  
 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
 RACIAL MATTERS

Re Chicago airtel and Letterhead Memorandum (LHM)  
 dated 4/25/66, and Chicago airtel dated 5/3/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a  
 LHM relating to captioned individual. No copies of this  
 memorandum are being disseminated locally in view of the  
 extensive publicity given to this matter by local news media.

The Chicago Division will continue to follow and report  
 pertinent activities of GREGORY.

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*18 copies of LHM to National Advisory Commission  
 on Civil Disorders by RB  
 5/11/67  
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Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD, SS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

May 23, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated April 25, 1966.

The "Chicago Daily News," a Chicago daily publication, for May 4, 1966, carried an article which in part reflected that comedian Dick Gregory, on May 3, 1966, had been sentenced to five months in prison and fined \$1400.00. It was stated that Gregory, on April 22, 1966, had been found guilty of battery and resisting arrest during the course of a protest march against Chicago School Superintendent Benjamin C. Willis, on June 11, 1965. Gregory was fined \$500.00 each on two charges of resisting arrest, and \$200.00 on each of two charges of battery of a police officer. Magistrate Maurice Lee in addition, imposed concurrent five month jail sentences on the four charges.

Five Chicago police officers testified at the trial that Gregory kicked and bit arresting officers, and that he had to be carried to the police squadrol. A jury of six men and six women heard Gregory's case. Gregory's attorney, Jean Williams, refused to cross-examine the witnesses and offered no witnesses in Gregory's defense. Attorney Williams stated she would immediately appeal Gregory's sentence, and in addition post a \$5,000 appeal bond, after which Gregory was released, having spent one hour and forty minutes in the lockup. Attorney Williams further charged that she believed "It is expedient" to have him (Gregory) out of the way for the forthcoming election. It should be noted that Dick Gregory is campaigning as independent candidate for Mayor of Chicago in the 1967 election.

[redacted] City of Chicago Corporations Counsel, [redacted] on May 23, 1966, advised that on May 13, 1966, comedian Dick Gregory was found guilty on city charges of obstructing justice and disorderly conduct, growing out of the June 11, 1965 protest marches. The date for sentencing Gregory on these charges was set for June 8, 1966.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1068)  
SUBJECT: UNNAMED GROUP HEADED BY  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
SPONSORING PEACE RALLIES,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
RACIAL MATTER

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by P. J. [illegible]

Re Chicago airtel with LHM, dated 4/12/66, captioned  
as above.

Enclosed herewith are eight (8) copies of an LHM  
pertaining to a petition distributed at a GREGORY sponsored  
peace rally on Chicago's south side. This information is being  
furnished to the Bureau for informational purposes.

Confidential source utilized in enclosed LHM is  
[redacted] liaison source. The original petition is  
being retained in the 1-A exhibit section of this file.

It is noted that the sponsors of this petition are  
identical with the individuals participating with GREGORY in  
his peace rallies.

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(1 - 157-949)  
(1 - 157-347) (RICHARD GREGORY)  
(1 - 157-643) [redacted]  
(1 - 157-675) (CHARLES CHEW)  
(1 - 100-42542) [redacted]  
(1 - 100-31752) (ARCHIE HARGRAVES)  
(1 - 157-831) [redacted]

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Chicago, Illinois  
May 17, 1966

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UNNAMED GROUP HEADED BY  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
SPONSORING PEACE RALLIES,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
RACIAL MATTER

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), on May 17, 1966, a petition reflecting demands that the vacancy of the position of deputy superintendent in the Chicago Police Department, be filled by a Negro.

The source understands the petition was distributed at one of the peace rallies sponsored by comedian Dick Gregory on April 6, 1966, on Chicago's south side.

The source further understands that the petition has received small circulation and little effort has been exerted in securing signatures. The source opined this endeavor, by Gregory, has achieved very little success.

On May 17, 1966, Lieutenant [redacted] Commanding Officer, Human Relations Section, Chicago Police Department, was advised by the Chicago Office of the FBI of the existence and distribution of the above mentioned petition. Lieutenant [redacted] stated he and other police department heads have been furnished a copy of this petition. He understands the petition was distributed at a Dick Gregory sponsored peace rally on Chicago's south side in April.

Lieutenant [redacted] pointed out he had no idea where the inaccurate statistical figures quoted on this petition were obtained. The deputy superintendent's position referred to in the petition was described by Lieutenant [redacted] as a position of legal and personal advisor to Police Superintendent O. W. Wilson. Lieutenant [redacted] added he personally did not know of any Negro

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RE: UNNAMED GROUP HEADED BY  
RICHARD CLAYTON GREGORY  
SPONSORING PEACE RALLIES,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

officer within the department who could thru formal education and experience, qualify for the position which he opined would require a law degree.

Lieutenant [ ] further stated there has been no great concern within the police department concerning the petition, and frankly they have not heard any more concerning the petition since it was brought to their attention. Supposedly, the Chicago Urban League initially displayed limited interest, however, seemingly they have assumed a hands off attitude.

A copy of the petition mentioned hereinbefore is enclosed with the memorandum.

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Dear Mr. Mayor:

We are asking you to help us make the long hot summer in Chicago a cool one. The following material was compiled at the direction of O. W. Wilson, Superintendent of Police of Chicago.

HANING OF POLICE FUNCTIONS BY NEGRO PERSONNEL

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>NEGRO STRENGTH</u>	<u>NEGRO PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL STRENGTH</u>
Captains	74	5	1.3
Lieutenants	245	3	1.2
Sergeants	1,051	71	5.6
Detectives	1,126	130	11.5
Dispatchers	191	123	6.8
Policewomen	54	3	5.6
Police Matrons	33	2	6.1
Police Surgeons	8	1	12.5
Other Positions	21	none	none
Telephone Operators	26	1	3.8

We, the undersigned of this petition, are demanding that the Negro strength of these positions be increased immediately.

We are also demanding that the vacancy of the position of deputy superintendent of the Chicago Police Department which has been created by the resignation of Minor K. Wilson be filled by a Negro.

Dick Gregory  
Alderman Charles Chew  
Fred Hubbard  
Lawrence Landry  
Rev. Archie Hargreaves  
Atty. Jean Williams

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1153 65th Street

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : *Jay* DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 6/2/66

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-511) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
OO: CHICAGO

As is set out in newsclippings recently furnished to the Bureau and Chicago, DICK GREGORY's trial in connection with his "fish ins" in the State of Washington has been set for November 28, 1966 in Thurston County Superior Court.

This office will at that time advise the Bureau and Chicago of the outcome of the trial or if circumstances seem to warrant it, an LHM will be submitted for dissemination.

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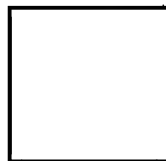
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

May 31, 1966

The attached letter was sent to the  
Director anonymously, postmarked  
Chicago, Illinois.

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MR. DELOACH ☒  
MR. MOHR ☒  
MR. WICK ☒  
MR. CASPER ☐  
MR. CALLAHAN ☐  
MR. CONRAD ☐  
MR. FELT ☐  
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MRS. METCALF ☐  
MISS GANDY ☐



ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS  
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18 JUN 8 1966

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Mr. Hoover,

I have some important information  
I think you ought to know.

The word has come down that  
Dick Gregory is suppose to be killed  
in the next two months, and even though  
I don't agree with everything he does  
I still think to let something like  
this happen to a good man like this  
would be a tragedy to us in Chicago.

I'm gonna send Gregory a letter  
like this because I don't think he  
knows how dangerous this business is.

Myself, I can't afford to get  
involved in this personally cause I'd  
be dead to, but since you're the FBI  
you can get to this and stop it.



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Head of FBI  
Washington, D. C.

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Date: 6/7/66

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-954) (RUC)

THREAT TO KILL DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

ReButel, 6/2/66.

Appropriate local authorities, local military intelligence agencies, and Secret Service were immediately informed of the alleged threat to GREGORY.

JULIUS W. HOBSON, Chairman, Washington, D. C. Chapter of ACT, on 6/7/66, advised that DICK GREGORY supposedly returned to Chicago, Illinois, immediately after participating in an open-air rally in Washington, D. C., on the night of 6/1/66. It was HOBSON's understanding that GREGORY is currently in Chicago but plans to go to Mississippi to finish the march through Mississippi which JAMES MEREDITH was doing at the time MEREDITH was shot on 6/6/66.

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Special Agent in Charge

WFO 157-954

The 6/7/66 issue of the "Washington Afro-American and Washington Tribune," a semi-weekly Washington, D. C., newspaper, on Page 6 contained an article captioned, "New Walkers Set To Finish MEREDITH's March." It indicated that DICK GREGORY, the entertainer, in Chicago had stated he planned to see MEREDITH in the Memphis hospital and take up MEREDITH's march where MEREDITH left off.

WFO will conduct no further investigation in this matter.

6/2/66

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

URGENT COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Adcock  
1 - Mr. Bland

TO: SACS, CHICAGO  
WASHINGTON FIELD (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI  
THREAT TO KILL DICK GREGORY, RACIAL MATTERS.

ANONYMOUS LETTER POSTMARKED CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
MAY TWENTY NINE SIXTY SIX RECEIVED AT BUREAU STATING THAT  
"THE WORD HAS COME DOWN THAT DICK GREGORY IS SUPPOSED TO  
BE KILLED IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS." ANONYMOUS WRITER  
INDICATED SIMILAR INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED TO GREGORY.  
CHICAGO AND WASHINGTON FIELD IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY APPROPRIATE  
LOCAL AUTHORITIES, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, AND SECRET  
SERVICE OF ALLEGED THREAT TO GREGORY.

NOTE:

Dick Gregory is currently in Washington in connection with protest demonstrations against the White House Conference on Civil Rights and has been maintaining his headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. Crime Records Division has received inquiry from "Jet Magazine" concerning this alleged threat indicating that Gregory has been made aware of the threat and notified "Jet Magazine".

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 7, 1966

FROM : A. Rosen *RW*

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
PROPOSED MARCH FROM  
HERNANDO, MISSISSIPPI,  
TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE  
6/7/66  
CIVIL RIGHTS -  
RACIAL MATTERS

Tolson ☒  
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1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Fehl  
1 - Mr. Wick  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

The Memphis Office has advised of the receipt of a telephone call this date from Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and civil rights leader. Gregory advised our Memphis Office that he was staying in room 315 of the Motel Lorraine at 406 Mulberry Street in Memphis.

Gregory plans to drive from the motel to the spot near Hernando, Mississippi, where James Meredith was shot and then walk back toward Memphis for six hours. He will be accompanied by [redacted] and four others. The others were identified as [redacted] of Chester, Pennsylvania, [redacted] of Chicago, Illinois, [redacted] of Chicago, Illinois, and [redacted] of Oakland, California.

After six hours, Gregory will get on a plane and depart for Chicago. Gregory does not believe any march will continue in Mississippi until James Meredith is out of the hospital. Gregory asked if the FBI would be along his route or would the FBI meet him? Gregory was advised that the FBI could not afford him protection and was asked if he had notified local authorities. Gregory stated that he had not, but that he would call the Justice Department.

## ACTION:

The Memphis Office was instructed to immediately advise the Jackson Office so that Jackson could notify local authorities in DeSoto County as well as the Mississippi Highway Patrol of the proposed march by Gregory. Memphis is also notifying the Memphis Police Department and the Shelby County, Tennessee, sheriff's office of Gregory's plans.

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SEE ADDENDUM PAGE 1a.

ADDENDUM GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION JGK:me 6/7/66 <sup>me</sup>

SAC Welte of Memphis subsequently advised that Gregory announced his plans to march to the press and advised the press that he had requested FBI protection. SAC Welte stated he had received one press inquiry concerning the matter which he had "no comment<sup>ED</sup>" Welte was referred to the Crime Records Division in relation to answering any further press inquiries in the matter.

*P* *clm/jh* *✓*  
*R* *JPM*  
We don't furnish  
protection to anyone.  
We are strictly in-  
vestigative. *X*

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Date: 6/10/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI. (157-4253)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM

Re Chicago airtel and LHM, 5/23/66.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are 8 copies of a LHM relating to captioned individual.

No copies of this memo are being disseminated locally in view of the extensive publicity given to this matter by local news media.

Chicago will continue to follow and report pertinent activities of DICK GREGORY.

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

Date Forw: 6-14-66

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
June 10, 1966

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated  
May 23, 1966.

The "Chicago Tribune", a Chicago daily newspaper, for Friday, June 10, 1966, carried an article captioned "Gregory Fined \$300 For Sit-In." This article in summary states that Dick Gregory, the Negro comedian, was fined \$300 in jury court yesterday by Magistrate James Sullivan on charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing traffic. Gregory was convicted on May 13 on these charges which related to his arrest on June 11, 1965, while participating in a civil rights demonstration.

Gregory's attorney, Mrs. Jean Williams, stated she would appeal the sentence and Magistrate Sullivan set the appeal bond for \$800. Gregory, however, refused to post bond and was taken to jail. Attorney Williams indicated Gregory may spend the weekend in jail and thereafter post the bond. Magistrate Sullivan in sentencing Gregory states "Gregory has shown a propensity for involving himself in arrest situations." Attorney Williams argued that Gregory should not be fined because he was protesting "violations of human dignity." The magistrate answered that he found no fault with an individual protesting for his rights but that a different problem arose when there was an intentional violation of the law.

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The "Chicago Sun-Times", a Chicago daily newspaper, for Friday, June 10, 1966, carried a similar article to that summarized above. In addition it was stated that Gregory was ordered to the House of Correction to work off his \$300 fine at the rate of \$5 a day. Gregory, after being processed at the House of Correction, was later transferred to the City Correction Farm located near Willow Springs, Illinois.

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Date: 7/20/66

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-4253)  
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)  
 SUBJECT : RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
 RACIAL MATTER

Re Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 6/10/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to captioned individual.

No copies of this memo are being disseminated locally and the enclosed are being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes.

The Chicago Division will continue to follow and report pertinent information relating to the matter.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

157-347

Chicago, Illinois  
July 20, 1966

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated June 10, 1966.

[redacted] Clerk, Criminal Courts Division, City of Chicago, Chicago Civic Center, on July 20, 1966, advised an employee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Chicago, Illinois, that court records reflect that on June 1, 1966, Jean Williams, Attorney for comedian Dick Gregory, filed a notice of appeal relating to the sentences imposed on Gregory in Chicago growing out of the charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing traffic and also an appeal relating to Gregory's sentencing on charges of battery and resisting arrest.

[redacted] Supervisor of Appeals and Transcripts, Civic Center, Chicago, Illinois, on July 20, 1966, advised an employee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Chicago that on June 18, 1966, Attorney Jean Williams had appeared at that office and had filed an appeal relating to the charges against Dick Gregory asking that his case be retried in the Illinois Supreme Court. On July 20, 1966, Attorney Williams again contacted the Office of Appeals and Transcripts indicating that at that time her client would pay the fine imposed on him on May 13, 1966, relating to the disorderly conduct and obstructing traffic charges; however, Williams applied for and was granted an extension to file an appeal in the Appellate Court of Illinois relating to the April 22, 1966, conviction of Gregory on the two charges of resisting arrest and battery.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Williams was granted a 45 day extension in the latter matter,  
extension to begin August 1, 1966.

stated that no further pertinent information  
appears in her records.

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Date: 9-15-66

To: Director, FBI

(Bufile : 100-440423 )

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Attention : \_\_\_\_\_

From: Legal Attache, Ottawa

~~JAITH 100-157-14~~

Title	Character
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.	RM
(OO:CG)	Reference
	My R/S 3-22-66.

Enclosed are the following communications received from \_\_\_\_\_ Original and two copies of \_\_\_\_\_ letter dated 9-13-66, with enclosure thereto.

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8—THE WINDSOR STAR, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1966

# No chuckles as Gregory talks race

By BILL PRAGER

Comedian Dick Gregory sounded far from funny when he talked here Tuesday about the United States race problem.

He said unless the U.S. resolves the problem in five years, which will require more drastic action than now, the nation will destroy itself.

In the near future he also feels there will be more violent racial explosions.

A short time after he was interviewed, racial violence erupted in Detroit.

If violence keeps up in Chicago that city will have a bloodbath within three weeks, he says.

Mr. Gregory is an active civil rights worker and professional funnyman whose wry humor veils his grim thoughts about the future of U.S. Negro-white relations.

He is appearing this week at the Top Hat Supper Club in downtown Windsor.

The major reason, he says, Detroit has remained relatively cool is the Negro employment in a prosperous auto industry.

Other factors, for instance better leadership, may also be playing a part in Detroit, he says.

Unemployment through strikes, however, or an industry slump could build up the pressures for an explosion, he says.

Riots in the other U.S. cities could lead to such conditions in the auto centre, Mr. Gregory



DICK GREGORY

says, explaining businesses in Negro areas are cutting back their orders to keep their stock at a minimum, for fear of damage.

He says this means a loss of \$1,000,000,000 to American business from now until Oct. 1, the end of the warm season.

Mr. Gregory, who visited the Los Angeles Watts area after the 1965 riots, says earnings of the Negroes there were 45 per cent below the average for whites.

The Negroes were crowded; 27.5 persons an acre, compared to 7.5 persons an acre for the white population of Los Angeles.

"There would have been an explosion there just from people bumping into each other," he explains.

The Negro faces more danger from violence in the North than in the South, Mr. Gregory says. Northern whites have a fear of the Negroes, caused by lack of contact with them.

In the South, whites at least had Negro servants; and even Ku Klux Klan members were acquainted with Negro doctors and teachers.

The North "could not afford the luxury of hiring my grandmother at 25 cents a day."

In the North the trouble has come from white mobs. In the South, he continues, the opposition came from white police, in which case the violence at least was controlled.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-4253)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM

DATE: 9/30/66

Re Chicago airtel and LHM to Bureau captioned  
as above 7/20/66.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies  
of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) relating to the captioned  
individual.

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locally and the enclosed are being furnished to the Bureau  
for information purposes.

The Chicago Division will continue to follow and  
report pertinent information relating to the disposition of  
the charges against GREGORY.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
Sept. 30, 1966

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated July 20, 1966, captioned as above.

On September 23, 1966, [redacted] Supervisor of Appeals and Transcripts, Civic Center, Chicago, Illinois, advised that Dick Gregory's attorney filed a "short record" September 1, 1966, with the Appellate Court of Illinois, and obtained a sixty day extension to November 2, 1966, on his pending case. [redacted] explained that a "short record" consists of the substance of the lower court record and is filed with the Appellate Court when for some reason the complete lower court record is unavailable.

[redacted] stated that the defendant Gregory's Appellate brief should be filed sometime prior to the extension date of November 2, 1966, on his conviction of resisting arrest and battery.

[redacted] advised that there was no further information available at this time.

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Via A I R T E L \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)  
SUBJECT: ANNOUNCED PLANS BY  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
TO TRAVEL TO NORTH VIET NAM  
DURING THE 1966 CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAYS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

*Footnote*

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of an LHM relating to plans by RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY to travel to North Viet Nam during the coming Christmas holidays. Also enclosed are two (2) copies of LHM for Washington Field.

The sources utilized in the enclosed LHM are identified as follows:

CG T-1 is [redacted]

Chicago Police Department (Protect - requested in this instance)

CG T-2 is [redacted]

[redacted] Chicago Police Department (Protect - requested)

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Each of the above individuals advised he would be alert for any information relative to the captioned matter and would immediately notify the writer of any information developed relative to such travel.

A copy of the enclosed LHM has been designated for the USA, Chicago; U. S. Secret Service; and the U. S. Army, 113th MI, Evanston, Illinois.

Chicago is following this matter closely. Will keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments by subsequent communication.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Will review the records of the Passport Office to determine whether GREGORY has been issued a current U. S. Passport and furnish any information available to Chicago and the Bureau relative to GREGORY's announced plans to travel to North Viet Nam during the 1966 Christmas holidays.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
November 21, 1966

ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD  
CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO  
NORTH VIET NAM DURING THE  
1966 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On November 14, 1966, the Four Star Final edition of the Chicago Sun-Times, a daily newspaper published at Chicago, Illinois, page 12, column 1, contained an article datelined London disclosing that Dick Gregory of Chicago had announced his intention to visit United States war prisoners in North Viet Nam this Christmas. The announcement was made by Gregory in a British television appearance November 13, 1966. Gregory declared he would ask North Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh for permission to entertain the prisoners during the Christmas holidays.

In response to a question by British newspaper men as to how he would circumvent the United States ban on travel to North Viet Nam, Gregory said, "I don't intend to go with my government's approval. I'll take my chances when I get back."

On November 16 and 17, 1966, CG T-1 and CG T-2, agencies which collect intelligence type data in the Chicago area and who have had some knowledge of Gregory's activities, were contacted relative to Gregory's announced plans to travel to North Viet Nam. Each source declared that he had no information relative to Gregory's plans at this time.

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Re: ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD  
CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO  
NORTH VIET NAM DURING THE  
1966 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

A copy of this letterhead memorandum has been designated for the United States Attorney, Chicago; the United States Secret Service, Chicago; and the United States Army, 113th MI, Evanston, Illinois.



CASE NO. 100-12

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Date: 11/8/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-1465)  
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FOR BLACK POWER (CCBP)  
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Re Chicago tel dated 11/7/66, captioned "PICKET  
DEMONSTRATION, AUSPICES CCBP, 11/66, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RM;  
PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION AT COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JAIL BY  
OAKLAND COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT (OCCI), 3939  
SOUTH DREXEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 11/8/66, RM; UNSUBS; ALLEGED  
THREATS AGAINST DICK GREGORY, NEGRO ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL  
RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND [REDACTED] OCCI.  
EL-EXTORTION:" Chicago tel dated 11/7/66, captioned, [REDACTED]  
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Chicago tel dated 11/8/66, captioned "PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION  
AT COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JAIL BY OAKLAND COMMITTEE FOR  
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT, 3939 SOUTH DREXEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
11/8/66, RM"; and Chicago airtel and LHM, 11/7/66, above caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 16 copies of LHM per-  
taining to the captioned matter. Copies are designated for  
Atlanta and New York for information.

The source utilized in this enclosed letterhead  
memorandum is [REDACTED]

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    (1 - 100-440855) (CORE)  
    (1 - 157- ) (OAKLAND COMMITTEE FOR  
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ELECTION LAWS, 11/8/66, CHICAGO, ILL.,  
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CG 157-1465

A copy of this memorandum is being provided to U.S. Secret. Service, the military and the Office of the United States Attorney, Chicago.

Chicago is following and activities of this captioned group and its affiliates will be appropriately furnished to the Bureau. The character in the enclosed LHM is being carried as Racial Matters, as in referenced Chicago LHM of 11/7/66.

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CG 157-1465

Chicago, Illinois  
November 8, 1966

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COORDINATING COUNCIL  
FOR BLACK POWER (CCBP)  
IS-MISCELLANEOUS

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum, dated November 7, 1966, under the above caption.

On November 7, 1966, at 4:00 p.m., United States Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan, Chicago, Illinois, advised the Chicago Office telephonically as follows:

The Office of the United States Attorney, Chicago, on November 7, 1966, had received "two or three" anonymous telephone calls alleging that [redacted] and [redacted] planned to "raise hell on the west side, tomorrow (November 8, 1966), to keep people from voting." The means to be utilized to accomplish this were not explained; however, was interpreted possibly to include the use of violence. Mr. Hanrahan was unable to provide any further clarifying information.

Note that referenced memorandum of November 7, 1966, reflects that groups representative of the CCBP, including the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE, and ACT, are urging a Negro boycott of the polls on election day, November 8, 1966, alleging that no candidates are involved in these elections who adequately represent the interest of the Negroes. Concerning [redacted] a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in November, 1966 that [redacted] is considered [redacted] West Side Chapter, of ACT, described as a militant civil rights organization in Chicago and [redacted] is known as a member of the West Side Chapter of ACT.

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The source advised that [redacted] resides at [redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago, and [redacted]  
The source continued that the CCBP itself consists of various  
organizations, notably SNCC, CORE and ACT, who share an interest  
in obtaining Black Power for the Negro.

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This confidential source, on November 7, 1966,  
advised that in contacts with [redacted]  
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This source advised,  
however, that it is known that individuals affiliated with the  
CCBP are planning leaflet distributions on Chicago's West Side  
during the evening of November 7, 1966 and during the day of  
November 8, 1966, urging a boycott of the polls by Negroes.

At 9:20 p.m., November 7, 1966, Officer [redacted]  
Office of the Deputy Superintendent, Chicago Police Department,  
advised that his office was in receipt of a telephone call recently  
from a male who identified himself as [redacted] and as  
"The father of [redacted]". This caller had stated that he  
had learned that representatives of CORE and SNCC would boycott  
polling places in the 24th, 25th, 28th and 29th Wards, in  
connection with the general elections to be held November 8, 1966.  
The caller had furnished no additional information to the  
Office of the Deputy Superintendent.

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Information was set forth in referenced memorandum of  
November 7, 1966, to the effect that certain individuals  
affiliated with ACT, Oakland Committee for Community Improvement  
(OCCI), and Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and civil rights  
figure, were planning an all-night vigil and demonstration  
before the Cook County Jail in Chicago. This activity was to be  
in protest of the incarceration here of the head of the OCCI.

The above confidential source has advised in October  
and November, 1966, in connection with the OCCI, that representatives  
of this group have been present at general meetings of the CCBP.

In connection with this demonstration and vigil, [redacted]  
[redacted] 10th District, Chicago Police  
Department, which District covers the area surrounding the  
Cook County Jail, 26th and California Avenue, Chicago, advised that  
a few scattered participants in this all-night vigil had  
gathered at the jail shortly after midnight. During the course  
of the vigil the size of the group grew to a maximum of approxi-  
mately 30, this number inclusive of Gregory, as well as [redacted]  
[redacted] ACT [redacted] Chicago.

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[redacted] advised that the group dwindled away until only six remained at 7:30 a.m., November 8, 1966, at which time the vigil and demonstration was terminated. There were no incidents, arrests or disturbances during its course.

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Pertinent portions of the above information have been provided the following individuals:

[redacted]  
Office of the United States Attorney  
Chicago, Illinois

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Region I  
113th MI Group  
Evanston, Illinois

[redacted]  
Region I  
113th MI Group  
Evanston, Illinois

[redacted]  
U.S. Secret Service  
Chicago, Illinois

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U.S. Secret Service  
Chicago, Illinois

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Mr. Trotter	
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)  
 SUBJECT: ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO NORTH VIETNAM DURING THE 1966 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

ALL INFORMATION  
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 DATE 12/20/79 BY 261/2

Re Chicago airtel and LHM to Director dated 12/1/66, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM relating to current plans of GREGORY in connection with his announced plan to visit Vietnam during the 1966 Christmas Holidays.

CG T-1, the source utilized within the enclosed LHM, is [redacted] Chicago Police Department, [redacted] protect requested, who furnished such information to SA [redacted] on 12/2/66. [redacted] advised he would be alert for any information relative to captioned matter and would immediately notify the writer of any new developments.

Chicago is following this matter closely and will advise the Bureau of all pertinent developments by subsequent communication.

A copy of the enclosed LHM has been disseminated for the USA, Chicago; U.S. Secret Service, Chicago; and the U.S. Army, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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Copy to [redacted] State, Chicago  
 by routing slip for [redacted] G-2, ONI  
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 by [redacted]

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1 copy LHM to National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders by [redacted] 12/1/67  
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Chicago, Illinois  
December 2, 1966

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ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD  
CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO  
NORTH VIETNAM DURING THE  
1966 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated  
December 1, 1966, captioned as above.

The "Chicago Tribune", a daily newspaper published  
at Chicago, Illinois, December 2, 1966 edition, reported on  
Page 10, Column 3, that inquiry by such newspaper at the London  
office of Bertrand Russell, British philosopher - pacifist,  
revealed that a North Vietnamese visa is awaiting Gregory in  
Paris. Russell's office indicated that the issuance of such  
visa is tantamount to North Vietnamese permission for Gregory's  
proposed visit to such country in order to entertain American  
prisoners confined there during the 1966 Christmas Holidays.

On December 2, 1966, CG T-1, an agency which collects  
security type information in the Chicago area which has pro-  
vided reliable information in the past, advised that Gregory  
held a press conference in Chicago on December 1, 1966, relative  
to his proposed Vietnamese trip. At such time, Gregory stated  
he would seek no information about the condition of the American  
prisoners, their numbers, or their location while in North  
Vietnam. Gregory stated that he did not want to know anything  
about the war.

This same source advised that Gregory is scheduled  
to leave Chicago on December 2, 1966, for a nightclub engage-  
ment at the Village Gate in New York City. He will subsequently  
leave New York on Monday, December 5, on the first leg of his  
Vietnamese trip.

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CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO  
NORTH VIETNAM DURING THE  
1966 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On December 2, 1966, the above information was provided to the following individuals:

United States Army, 113th MI Group, Evanston,  
Illinois, [REDACTED]; and U.S. Secret Service, Chicago,  
Illinois, SA [REDACTED]

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A copy of this memorandum has been designated for each of the above agencies and for the United States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD CLAXTON  
GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO NORTH VIET NAM  
DURING THE 1966 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM relating to current plans by RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY relative to his announced intention to travel to North Viet Nam during the coming Christmas Holidays. Chicago Police Department, Intelligence Section, has been alerted to the information contained therein and has advised any information developed will be immediately furnished to the Chicago Office of the FBI. A copy of the enclosed LHM has been designated for the USA, Chicago, United States Secret Service, and the U. S. Army, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

CG T-1 is [redacted]  
 [redacted] Chicago Police Department (Protect requested).

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Chicago is following this matter closely and will keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments by subsequent communication.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C. \* Will review the records of the Passport Office to determine whether RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY and [redacted] have current U. S. Passports and furnish any information available to Chicago and the Bureau relative to GREGORY's announced intentions of travelling to North Viet Nam during 1966 Christmas Holidays.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Chicago, Illinois  
December 1, 1966

ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD CLAXTON  
GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO NORTH VIET NAM  
DURING THE 1966 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated  
November 21, 1966, captioned as above.

On December 1, 1966, the Chicago Tribune, a daily newspaper published at Chicago, Illinois, Page 6, Column 3, contained an article relating to Gregory's previously announced intentions of travelling to North Viet Nam during the 1966 Christmas holidays. The article quoted Gregory as saying, November 30, 1966, that he had been invited to travel to North Viet Nam by North Vietnamese authorities in order to entertain American war prisoners there. Such invitation had been secured through the Paris Office of British Philosopher - Pacifist Betrand Russell.

Gregory, who is scheduled to perform at the Village Gate Night Club in New York City this coming week end, said he would depart by plane from New York December 5, 1966, enroute to London, England. Subsequently he will fly to Paris, France, to complete final arrangements and then departing Paris enroute Hanoi, North Viet Nam. The Tribune article stated Gregory had a valid passport and quoted him as saying he will make the trip regardless of whether the United States State Department granted permission for the trip.

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ANNOUNCED PLANS OF RICHARD CLAXTON .  
GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO NORTH VIET NAM  
DURING THE 1966 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Gregory and his wife are presently standing trial in Olympia, Washington on a charge of illegal fishing arising from demonstrations there with the Nisqually Indians in February of 1966. Gregory said that if he and his wife were convicted of the illegal fishing charge in Olympia they will appeal, post bond, and then proceed to Viet Nam.

Chicago T-1, an agency which collects intelligence data in the Chicago area, advised on December 1, 1966, that Dick Gregory held a press conference at 11:00 AM, at 79 West Morrison, Chicago, Illinois, relative to his intended North Viet Nam travel. Gregory confirmed his previous statements as disclosed in the December 1, 1966 issue of the Chicago Tribune (as described above) and declared that he would contact the United States State Department on December 1, 1966, concerning such trip.

The above information was furnished to United States Army, Region I, 113th MI Group, [redacted]; United States Secret Service, Special Agent [redacted]

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A copy of this memorandum has been designated for each of the agencies and for the United States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY**  
(See Correlation Summaries dated 10/19/64 and 11/5/65, filed  
as 100-440423-16, 51 respectively)

Main File No: 100-440423  
See Also: 44-22002  
          44-24630  
          44-29648  
          56-3912  
          173-694  
          173-2601

Date: 12/5/66

*Jag* Subject: Richard Claxton Gregory

Date Searched: 4/26/66

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

*K* Richard Claxton Gregory  
Dick Gregory  
Dick C. Gregory  
Dick Claxton Gregory  
R. C. Dick Gregory  
Richard Gregory  
Dick Gregory

*Summary*

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

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Analyst

Coordinator

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## ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info.....Additional information appearing  
in this reference which pertains  
to Richard Claxton Gregory can  
be found in the main file or  
elsewhere in this summary.

ACT.....Associated Community Teams

CORE.....Congress of Racial Equality

HCUA.....House Committee on Un-American  
Activities

NAACP.....National Association for the Ad-  
vancement of Colored People

NOI.....Nation of Islam

"PW"....."Peoples World" (West Coast  
Communist newspaper published in  
San Francisco, Calif.)

PSI.....Potential Security Informant

SCLC.....Southern Christian Leadership  
Conference

SNCC.....Student Non-Violent Coordinating  
Committee

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[ ] advised that during the Second Anti-Imperialist  
and Equal Rights Congress which was held at 727 Sixth Ave., NYC, on  
9/4-5/55, an area report was presented by [ ] who was in-  
troduced as a member of the "West Coast Delegation." His report dealt  
entirely on the recent Negro riots in the Watts area of Los Angeles. *Calif.*

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When the riots started, according to [redacted] the authorities brought in Dick Gregory in the belief that he would stop the trouble. This strategy failed to work as the people quickly realized Gregory was just a stooge.

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100-429200-929 p.28

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[redacted]  
(protect identity), advised that a meeting of the Washington Area Committee for the Abolition of the HCUA (WACAHCUA) scheduled for 10/10/63, was to be held at the American University in Washington, DC. As there was only about \$100 in the WACAHCUA Treasury, plans were discussed to contact comedian Dick Gregory to participate in a fund-raising meeting at a later date. It was anticipated that 2000 announcements concerning this meeting would be mailed on 10/3/63.

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This reference is an Autobiography by Dick Gregory with Robert Lipsyte captioned "Nigger," published by E.P. Dutton and Company, Inc., 1964.

Bureau Library, Author of  
"Nigger-An Autobiography"

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As a guest of the "Bob Kennedy Show," over Radio Station WBZ, Boston, Mass., on 3/24/64, Malcolm X, during an interview advised that on 2/14/64 he attended a civil rights conference in Chester, Pa. According to Malcolm X, persons attending this conference were Dick Gregory and civil rights leaders from NYC, Cambridge, Maryland, Chester, Pa., and Chicago, Ill. Malcolm X said this group formed an organization known as ACT. He stated that although the initials meant nothing, the group was designed to act at any time, anywhere, to bring about results in the civil rights efforts. Malcolm X claimed that this group was not committed to positive resistance.

109-12-302-101 encl. p.4

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[ ] advised he had obtained a brochure for a program presented by the Cincinnati Friends of SNCC on 5/2/64 at the Cincinnati Music Hall. Entertainment for the program was provided by Dick Gregory, the Freedom Singers, Mark Murphy, and the Dee Felice Trio, for the Ohio benefit of SNCC. b7D

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[ ] advised that at the San Diego, Socialist Workers Party Meeting held on 10/6/64 at 5277 Velma Terrace, San Diego, Calif., [ ] (100-431139) suggested that leaflets announcing the De Berry meeting on 10/13/64 be distributed at the Russ Auditorium in San Diego on 10/10/64, where Dick Gregory was to appear in a benefit show for the San Diego Chapter of CORE. b6 b7C b7D

The serial indicated that Clifton De Berry was an SWP candidate for President of the US.

[ ] advised that [ ] attended the Dick Gregory show on 10/10/64 at the above auditorium. b6 b7C b7D

100-431139-14 p.5  
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[ ] (Former [ ]) advised that on 12/10/64, the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) held a meeting (place not given) for the purpose of evaluating the mass rally it had held on 11/29/64, in Chicago. At this meeting it was proposed that the MCPFB contribute \$25 to a civil rights project being supported by Dick Gregory. It was agreed that this contribution would be an appropriate gesture and that it could be instrumental in gaining more support for the MCPFB from the Negro people in Chicago. b7D

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[ ] advised on 12/14/64 that [ ] and Dick Gregory, who were active with the "Christmas for Mississippi" project, recently met with Elijah Muhammad. b6 b7C b7D

CG 6119-S\* advised on 12/16/64 that Elijah Muhammad, who recently met with Gregory, commented he felt Gregory would probably come in with them soon.

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"Muhammad Speaks" Vol. 4, No.10, dated, 1/29/65, a publication of Mohammad Mosque #2, carried a photograph on page 14 which was identified as being of Gregory and Muhammad. The subcaption revealed the following:

"Honored guest at a recent dinner in the Chicago home of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, famed comedian Q11, and rights fighter Dick Gregory, puts the world renowned Muslim leader in high spirits....Gregory recently completed a successful campaign to bring food to impoverished people in Mississippi."

It was noted that Muhammad, self-styled "Messenger of Allah," was absolute leader of the Nation of Islam (25-330971).

25-330971-7343 p.140,142 .  
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The 4/24/65 issue of "Amsterdam News," a NY weekly Negro newspaper, contained an article captioned "Benefit For Malcolm X Widow, Friday Nite." This article stated that Dick Gregory and other Negro entertainers would appear in a benefit performance for the widow and four children of Malcolm X at the Apollo Theatre at 12 midnight on Friday, April 23. New York

[redacted] -PSI (protect identity) advised that the above described benefit show was held at 12 midnight 4/23/65.

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On 5/1/65 Dick Gregory spoke at a civil rights rally in Bogalusa, La. During the course of his speech he made disparaging statements about law enforcement officers generally, and FBI Agents. No incidents occurred at the rally (No Source).

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[redacted] James Farmer,  
National Director, CORE.  
(Gregory's itinerary for  
5/1-2/65 set out)

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[redacted] CORE field  
worker, Bogalusa, La.)

In a letter dated 5/6/65 from [redacted] Bogalusa, La., to the Director, [redacted] furnished his views about recent difficulties in his community. He stated "the disgusting display put on here last weekend by a sick mentality named Dick Gregory impells me to express again my admiration for the Bureau and for you as its Director."

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Mobile Airtel dated 5/6/65 captioned "Registrars of Voters Dallas County, Alabama Voting Discrimination" enclosed photographs of comedian Dick Gregory depicting the area on his back where he was allegedly injured:

Photographs enclosed  
44-12831-824 and encl.  
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Sgt. [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio PD, advised that Dick Gregory was expected to participate in the picketing of the Hammermill Paper Co., Erie, Pa., by friends of SNNC on 5/11/65 and in event of arrests, bail would be supplied by NAACP.

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157-6-39-662 p.1  
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The 5/12/65 issue of the "Toronto Daily Star" in the column "Private Line" by Lotta Dempsey indicated that Dick Gregory was scheduled to appear at a benefit concert for CORE on 5/24/65 at Massey, Toronto, Canada.

According to an article entitled "Raise almost \$5,000 at civil rights concert" which appeared in the 5/31/65 issue of the "Canadian Tribune", Toronto, Ontario, Gregory donated his talent to the above concert.

Copies of clippings of above newspapers enclosed  
100-441714-34 encl. p.1,2  
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[redacted] advised that on 5/26/65 [redacted] (105-82999) attended a general Youth for Jobs (YFJ) meeting in Oakland, Calif. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss plans for the benefit performance to be given by Dick Gregory in the near future to raise funds for the YFJ.

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Captain [redacted] Joliet, Ill. PD, advised that following a speech by Martin Luther King, Jr. (100-106670) at the Stadium in Joliet, Ill. on the evening of 6/4/65, Dick Gregory gave a short speech. No reference was made to the FBI in these talks. King's main theme was "People Facing Challenge of the New Age and Old Order Passing Away." There were no incidents, and the entire proceedings were orderly.

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[redacted] Bogalusa Voters League, advised that he understood that James Farmer, CORE, was ready to come to Bogalusa, La., for the funeral of Deputy O'Neil Moore on 6/9/65, but [redacted] knew of no definite plans of Farmer to attend.

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[redacted] also advised Departmental Attorney [redacted] that Dick Gregory wanted to come to Bogalusa, but nothing definite had been decided as to whether he would or would not come.

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The "Chicago Daily News," Chicago, Ill. of 7/20/65 carried an article captioned "2 Cops Sue Gregory for \$50,000 Each. This article stated that civil rights leader Dick Gregory had been sued for \$50,000 by each of two policemen with whom he struggled during the 6/11/65 demonstration against School Superintendent Benjamin J. Willis. Gregory had said that he struggled after his arrest because someone took his billfold.

Clipping from "Chicago Daily News"  
enclosed  
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(13) [redacted] Chicago Commission  
on Human Relations)

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A press source (not identified) advised on 6/17/65 that an invitation had been extended by the Mississippi Democratic Freedom Party to Dick Gregory to come to Jackson to a protest demonstration.\*

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\*Demonstration protesting the seating of the Mississippi Congressional Delegation and also the special session of the Mississippi State Legislature which had convened to take action on new voting laws for the State, according to serial 581 of this file.

[redacted] (protect identity), who has not furnished sufficient information in the past to establish extent of reliability, advised as follows:

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On 6/20/65, SNCC planned on holding memorial service at Tompkins Park, Brooklyn, NY, in memory of the three civil rights workers killed in Mississippi, in June, 1964. Speakers at this memorial service were to include Dick Gregory.

100-439190-381 encl. p.1  
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Officer [redacted], Human Relations Section, Chicago PD, advised that on 6/22/65 the students at Hyde Park High School, Chicago, participated in a walkout at this school, protesting a change in the musical program at the graduation commencement scheduled for 6/23/65. [redacted] stated that Dick Gregory was observed at the scene of the disturbance and was apparently attempting to aid the Chicago PD in quieting the disturbance. [redacted] further advised that Gregory left this disturbance and attended a rally held at Buckingham Fountain. At that rally Gregory announced that a meeting would be held 6/22/65 in Jackson Park in the vicinity of the above school to discuss the situation regarding the disturbance at the school.

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Officer [redacted] Deputy Superintendent's Office Chicago PD, advised that the above mentioned meeting was held at the Woodlawn Methodist Church. At this meeting Gregory criticized the Chicago PD in the way they broke up the disturbance.

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157-4-9-197 encl. p.1-3  
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157-6-9-1449 p.1,2  
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Special Agents on 6/24/65 observed that Dick Gregory spoke to 75 demonstrators gathered at Buckingham Fountain in Chicago. Gregory referred to an article in the 6/24/65 issue of the "Chicago American" which stated that there were "Reds" who were observed marching in the demonstrations protesting the rehiring of school superintendent Benjamin C. Willis. Gregory stated that some time ago he had visited the office of Robert Kennedy in Washington, DC. He stated that Kennedy left the office for a short period of time, and he, Gregory, observed papers on Kennedy's desk. Gregory advised these papers indicated to him that the FBI had a great number of informants in the CP. He advised the demonstrators that he wondered whether the "reds" mentioned in the newspaper article were "real reds" or FBI informants, and he intimated that possibly the FBI was using informants in the anti-Willis marches. Gregory further stated he had noticed in the past that one person who had participated in an anti-Willis march, did not know the words to the "Freedom Song", and he commented that this person was possibly an FBI informant.

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157-4-9-195 encl. p.1,2

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SI 157-6-9-1444

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Special Agents on 6/26/65 observed that Dick Gregory spoke to the demonstrators assembled at Buckingham Fountain in Chicago. During this speech Gregory criticized the FBI, the Chicago PD and law enforcement agencies in general. He ridiculed Director Hoover and stated that Hoover made a statement that there were communists in the civil rights movement. Gregory stated "J. Edgar Hoover is the most dangerous, vicious man in America." He further stated that if the FBI, the number one police agency in the world, could not keep the communists from stealing the secrets of the atom bomb, how could we, civil rights workers, keep a communist from paying the \$2 to join the civil rights movement. Gregory then stated the reason that there were so few Negroes in the FBI was because there were very few right wing Negroes.

The demonstrators, who were protesting the rehiring of school superintendent Benjamin C. Willis, were led by Gregory and Robert Lucas, Chicago head of CORE, to City Hall. They paraded around City Hall and then gathered to hear Gregory and Lucas speak.

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157-4-9-202 p.1, encl. p.1,2

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SI 157-4-9-198 p.1,2

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[ ] Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Hammond, Ind., advised he had received a brochure captioned "International-National Black Movement in America" (105-140603) which announced that a gigantic rally would be held at the Bishop Noel Institute fieldhouse, Hammond, on 6/27/65. [ ] stated this brochure indicated entertainers at this affair would include Nipsey Russell and Dick Gregory.

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105-140603-5 encl. p.2  
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The 6/13/65 issue of the "PW" carried an article on page 3 captioned "Dick Gregory to give Benefit for Youth Group." This article stated that Comedian Gregory would give a benefit for Youth For Jobs (YFJ) (100-440328) in July at the organization's clubhouse in the old firehouse 1095 59th St., Oakland.

[ ] advised that on 7/10/65, Gregory staged a benefit performance at YFJ headquarters, Oakland, Calif. Receipts from this benefit were approximately \$700.00.

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[ ] advised that in July, 1965, at a meeting of the National Board of the CP, USA in NYC, "Mickey" Lima gave a report on the question of poverty. He said that YFJ recently held a benefit (locality not given) which was given by Comedian Dick Gregory and raised a little money, but the problems of stability still existed.

The serial indicated that Lima was Social Chairman of YFJ.

100-440328-14 p.10,13,14  
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SI to para. 3  
100-3-69-10482 p.33  
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[ ] Bogalusa Voters League, advised that marches in Bogalusa, La., were planned for 7/7/65 through 7/14/65, excluding Sunday, 7/11/65. Plans also called for appearance in Bogalusa during this period of Dick Gregory and other civil rights leaders. No dates were known for the arrival of these people.

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157-6-33-2982 encl. p.3  
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Detective [redacted] Special Squad, Racine, Wisconsin PD, advised that Dick Gregory spoke at the Racine Memorial Hall on 7/25/65 and his speech was picketed by members of the National Association for the Advancement of White People (NAAWP), Racine, Wisc. His speech was sponsored by the NAACP.

Photos of the NAAWP pickets appeared in the 7/26/65 issue of the Racine "Journal Times." Quotations from Gregory's speech were also carried under a title of "Gregory Gives the US Five Years or Else." He was quoted as saying "Why Complain If We Have Communists in the Movement if we don't keep them out of the country?" "That the FBI can't arrest them, then how can the NAACP get them out?"

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157-6-30-159 p.1, encl. p.1-3  
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SI 157-6-30-157 p.1  
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According to the 7/26/65 issue of the "Racine Journal Times," Racine, Wisconsin, the National Association For The Advancement of White People, Racine, Wisconsin (157-1711) and the newly formed White Dove Society had jointly picketed a speech made in that city by Dick Gregory at Memorial Hall on 7/26/65. Signs carried by the pickets were of a racist, segregationist hate type, and in general slandered leaders of the integration movement and made allegations of communist inspiration.

This reference indicated that the White Dove Society was formed to attract new members to the NAAWP through a soft-sell religious approach and advocacy of segregation based on teachings of Christ and the Bible.

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Detective [redacted] Michigan PD, advised that at 11:30 A.M. on 7/27/65, the Detroit and Chicago Chapters of CORE picketed Cobo Hall at Detroit, Mich., where Vice President Hubert Humphrey was addressing a convention of mayors. Those participating in the picket included Dick Gregory, who left Detroit by air at 2:45 P.M., to return to Chicago. The pickets protested the presence of Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, whom they alleged had refused to negotiate with Dr. Martin Luther King concerning the school

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system in Chicago. The picketing terminated at 2:05 P.M. There were no arrests or incidents.

157-6-15-1308 encl. p.1  
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SI 157-6-15-1348 encl. p.4  
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[redacted] of the Sumter County Movement, Americus, Ga., advised that Dick Gregory arrived in Americus shortly before 10 A.M. on 8/6/65. Gregory, accompanied by Willie Boldon and Benjamin Clarke of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Rev. J.R. Campbell of the Sumter County Movement, led a march from the Freedom Center to the County Courthouse. All of these individuals spoke at the demonstration. Gregory was to return to Chicago, the afternoon of 8/6/65.

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157-6-2-1872 p.1  
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SI 157-6-2-1873 encl. p.1  
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[redacted] Job Corps Center, Camp Breckinridge, Ky. (70-41594) stated he felt that underlying causes of riot at above camp on 8/20/65 included a student body too large for facilities available and inadequate vocational training; a visit by Dick Gregory on 8/8/65, and a demonstration by the NAACP at the Camp on 8/13/65. Gregory's visit and NAACP demonstration were concerned with alleged hiring practices at the camp (other underlying causes of riot set out).

70-41594-8 p.2  
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[redacted] Dunbar Elementary School, Morganfield, Ky., advised that the Council of Anti-Poverty Groups had scheduled a meeting in Morganfield for 8/8/65 at which Dick Gregory would be the principal speaker. The purpose of the meeting was to promote additional jobs for people in Western Kentucky.

On 8/8/65 [redacted] Sturgis, Ky., advised that Gregory had changed his plans and would land at the Evansville, Indiana Airport rather than the Airport at Sturgis.

A fisur on 8/8/65 revealed that Gregory did speak at the above described meeting in Morganfield.

The 8/9/65 issue of the "Courier-Journal", Louisville, Ky., contained an article regarding Gregory's charges of discriminatory hiring practices of the Job Corps Center operated by the University of Southern Illinois. Officials of the Job Corps Center denied Gregory's charges. It was also reported that Gregory refused to put on a scheduled free performance for enrollees because he felt not enough showed up.

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157-6-27-414 encl. p.1,3,4  
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SI 157-6-27-409 p.1  
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SI 157-6-27-408 p.1  
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SI par. 3  
105-142057-7 p.3  
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CG 6893-S\* advised that on 8/10/65, one [redacted] (phonetic) who identified himself as being from Cairo, presumably Illinois, was in contact with [redacted] of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) (100-439048).. [redacted] stated as follows:

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"They have some stuff coming up in Cairo that they will need some lawyers for. We'll need a lawyer to spend 2-3 weeks down there. They are thinking---if they can get the people to do it---of calling a general strike and strike that city. They are talking to Dick Gregory and he is willing to kick it off if they get it organized. There's a real possibility it would take place in a couple of months." (Not further clarified)

100-439048-563X  
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The following references contain information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory from 6/6/65 to 8/10/65 in connection with demonstrations in Chicago, protesting the rehiring of school superintendent Benjamin C. Willis and general "integration" policy of the Chicago schools. Gregory was one of the speakers or leaders of these demonstrations. During a demonstration on 6/8/65, Gregory

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was arrested for disorderly conduct, and on 6/11/65 was arrested for blocking traffic.

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157-4-9-132	(8)
-135	(8)
-139	(8)
-146 encl. p.1	(8)
-150 encl. p.1,2	(8)
-151 encl. p.2-4	(8)
-152 encl. p.1	(8)
-157	(9)
-181 encl. p.1,2	(9)
-184	(9)
-192 encl. p.2	(9)
-201 encl. p.3	(9)
-216 encl. p.1,2	(9)
-220 p.2	(9)
-225 encl. p.1	(10)
-228 encl. p.2	(10)
-235 encl. p.2	(10)
-242 encl. p.1	(10)
-248 encl. p.1	(10)
-250 encl. p.1,2	(10)
-260 encl. p.1,2	(10)
-266 encl. p.2	(10)
-267 encl. p.1	(10)
-277 encl. p.1	(10)
-280 encl. p.1	(10)
-281 encl. p.3	(11)
-294 encl. p.1,2	(11)
-296 encl. p.1	(11)
-298 encl. p.2	(11)
-308 encl. p.1,2	(11)
-317 encl. p.1,2	(11)
-319 encl. p.1	(11)
-322 encl. p.1	(11)
-325 encl. p.1-3	(11)
-340 encl. p.1,2	(11)
-343 encl. p.1	(11)
-344 encl. p.1	(12)
157-6-9-1386	(12)
-1390	(12)
-1392	(12)
-1399 encl. p.1	(12)

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157-6-9-1400 encl. p.1-4  
-1415 encl. p.1  
-1416  
-1454\* p.3-6  
-1464 encl. p.1,2  
-1466 encl. p.1,2  
-1469X  
-1475 encl. p.1  
-1494 encl. p.3  
-1518 encl. p.3  
-1522 encl. p.1  
-1537 encl. p.1  
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-1553 encl. p.1

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The following references in the file captioned "Racial Riot, 116th St. and Avalon Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 8/11/65" set out information concerning the activities of Dick Gregory in connection with this riot. While in the "Watts" riot area on 8/12/65 Gregory appealed to the people to cease rioting. On 8/13/65 he was shot in the left thigh while urging rioters to disperse.

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157-3804-57 encl. p.1  
-87 encl. p.6  
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[redacted] advised that [redacted] of the Los Angeles Chapter of CORE, had accompanied Dick Gregory into the riot area of Los Angeles on the morning of 8/13/65 on which occasion Gregory received a bullet wound in his left thigh. Gregory and [redacted] and others with Gregory made an attempt on that occasion to get the crowds to disperse and implored Negroes to return to their homes.

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SI 157-6-26-793 encl. p.16  
(16) (Los Angeles "Herald-Examiner")

On 8/24/65, SAS of the FBI observed 70 individuals, including Dick Gregory and [redacted], participate in a memorial service for Jonathan M. Daniels, Civil Rights worker recently killed in Alabama. This service was held at St. James Cathedral in Chicago. The participants in the memorial service gathered for approximately 15 minutes outside the cathedral and then disbanded.

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[redacted] advised that a march and rally sponsored by the Milwaukee March Toward Freedom and Independence Committee took place in Milwaukee, 8/28/65. The rally was held in front of the Milwaukee County Courthouse and one of the speakers was Dick Gregory.

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157-6-30-167 encl. p.1  
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On 9/19/65, Dick Gregory was guest speaker at an affair sponsored by CORE at Radio Station WHK Auditorium, 5000 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Gregory told a number of jokes about the civil rights struggle and some ridiculing President Johnson, Senator Goldwater and J. Edgar Hoover [redacted].

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100-347539-80 p.10  
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SI 100-266899-35 p.4  
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According to an article in the 9/23/65 issue, City Edition of "The Press," Riverside, California, entertainers scheduled to appear at a "Freedom Festival" on above evening at Swing Auditorium in San Bernardino, California included Dick Gregory.

[redacted] advised that approximately 600 persons attended the above festival on 9/23/65, and that entertainment was provided by Gregory, Sally Jones and San Bernardino local talent.

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157-2466-69 p.3,5  
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[redacted] Oakland PD  
(protect identity), advised that a new civil rights organization known as Action was sponsoring a rally at 1575 35th Ave., Oakland, Calif. on 9/25/65. Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and civil rights spokesman, appeared at this rally. The audience then proceeded to the residence of Chief of Police Edward Toothman in Oakland. Picketing of the chief's residence was then conducted with individuals singing "Freedom" type songs and chanting slogans.

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100-443302-12 p.23

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[redacted] Racial Informant [redacted]  
(protect identity) advised that [redacted], a leader in Klavern #7 of the United Klans of America, Miami Florida, spoke at a Klan Rally which was held on the outskirts of Melbourne, Florida on 9/25/65. [redacted] stated that Dick Gregory was a bigoted revolutionary agitator who was trying to cause them to go into guerilla warfare. He related that the law enforcement officers were being accused of police brutality and they should be left alone to do their job.

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Lt. [redacted] PD, Kettering, Ohio, furnished a copy of a letter sent to the City of Kettering on 9/20/65. This letter was signed [redacted] Committee for Human Rights. The personalized letterhead indicated that [redacted] was an attorney in Dayton, Ohio. This letter requested a parade permit in Kettering on 10/16/65, in honor of Kettering which was among the first cities of the nation to issue statements by its officials welcoming integration. This letter stated that Dick Gregory and other national leaders in the civil rights movement had been invited to participate in this parade. Letter set out in its entirety.

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157-6-10-660 encl. p.2

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Detective [redacted] NYC PD, advised that the Fifth Avenue Peace Parade Committee had applied for a permit to conduct a parade on 10/16/65 on Fifth Ave., NYC, as part of the "International Days of Protest" (100-444608), protesting US policy in Vietnam. At the conclusion of the parade a rally was to be held on the Mall,

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Central Park, NYC. The permit revealed that Dick Gregory would speak at the rally.

100-444608-92 p.2,6  
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The following references reveal that on 10/17/65, Dick Gregory spoke, or was scheduled to speak at a "Rally for Peace in Vietnam" sponsored by the Chicago Peace Council, at the Little Theatre, McCormick Place, Chicago. Gregory, in jokes and remarks supported the peace movement.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-439048-688 p.D, 34, 35	(4)
100-444394-4 p.2	(6)
100-444608-93 p.2	(6)
-255	(6)
-362	(6)
105-138315-1796 encl. p.42 (scheduled to speak)	(7)

[redacted] advised that the boycott of Milwaukee, Wisc., public schools was discontinued by the Milwaukee United School Integration Committee at noon on 10/21/65, on which date Dick Gregory appeared in Milwaukee at a picket demonstration at Lincoln High School and the Milwaukee Public School Administration Building.

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157-4-30-46 encl. p.1

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SI 157-4-30-45 encl. p.1

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A fisur on 11/6/65 revealed that 39 demonstrators led by Dick Gregory marched from Grant Park, Chicago, to Soldier Field. The demonstrators marched and chanted at the main gate of the stadium for approximately 3½ hours. Two of the signs they carried read as follows: "We're here to embarrass Snake Daley," "Welcome

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Army-Air Force to Chicago, the most segregated city in the north." The demonstrators returned to Grant Park where they dispersed.

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157-6-9-1857 encl. p.1

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SI 157-6-9-1854 encl. p.1

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Chicago PD)

The "Chicago Tribune" Two Star Extra, Chicago, of 11/16/65, reported under the caption "Gregory Fined \$400.00 as Picket" that Dick Gregory was fined the maximum of \$400.00 on 11/15/65, on two charges of disorderly conduct arising from a demonstration on 8/2/65, near Mayor Daley's home in Chicago. Gregory elected to spend three days in the Bridewell (House of Correction) on what he promised would be a hunger strike rather than post a \$500.00 bond pending appeal to the Illinois Appellate Court. Gregory said he would post the bond after the strike.

The "Chicago Sun Times," Chicago, of 11/17/65, and the "Daily Defender," (no date given) Chicago, covered an account of the hunger strike at the House of Correction, Chicago.

Superintendent Stanley L. Denski of the House of Correction refused to give a press conference to Gregory indicating that he was not encouraging any publicity regarding the demonstration within the institution. Gregory was reportedly saying that he was seeking to "point up" injustices in the state Jury Courts and the treatment of Negroes in Chicago generally, by his hunger strike (details set out).

Add. info. according to Sergeant [redacted], Chicago PD.

157-6-9-1888 encl. p.1-4

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157-6-9-1891

(15)(Sergeant [redacted], Chicago PD)

A source familiar with racial matters, not further identified, advised that CORE planned a protest demonstration at the Criminal Court Building, Chicago, on 11/15/65, against the sentencing of Dick Gregory. Source not knowledgeable if Gregory was aware of the proposed demonstration.

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157-6-9-1871 p.1

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On 11/16/65 Sgt. [REDACTED], Tenth District, Chicago PD, advised that a twenty-four hour demonstration was planned at the House of Correction, Chicago, while Dick Gregory was incarcerated in that institution.

On 11/16/65 Assistant Superintendent, House of Correction, advised that approximately 50 inmates joined Gregory in a hunger strike. No major disturbance within the institution.

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157-6-9-1875 p.1

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SI 157-6-9-1889 encl. p.1

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On 11/17/65, Sergeant [REDACTED], Chicago PD, advised that Dick Gregory remained incarcerated and continued on a hunger strike at the House of Correction, Chicago.

According to an article in the Chicago "Sun Times," Chicago, 11/18/65 entitled "Promise to Study Complaints of Jail Hunger Strikers," Gregory was permitted a news conference on the evening of 11/17/65. He stated in part that he had ended his proposed three-day hunger strike after one day because other prisoners mistakenly believed that he was protesting conditions at the jail. This article further revealed that House of Correction Superintendent Stanley L. Demski and a prisoner spokesman contended that Gregory's presence played no part in the prisoners' hunger strike. Demski stated that Gregory's presence might have "served as an impetus to go on a hunger strike and make these requests" for better jail conditions.

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The following references reveal that Dick Gregory, who had been incarcerated in the House of Correction, Chicago, was released on 11/18/65. Following his release he held a news conference at the main gate outside, and led a march from the House of Correction to the residence of Chicago's Mayor, Richard J. Daley, 3546 South Lowe St., Chicago, with no incidents or arrests. In view of Gregory's release, the demonstrations had ceased as of 11/19/65.

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157-6-9-1893 encl. p.1

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Sergeant [redacted], Chicago PD, Chicago, advised on 11/19/65, that the recent demonstrations, inspired by Dick Gregory in connection with his conviction for activities of a civil rights nature, were expected to be short lived.

Add. info. according to Sergeant [redacted] Sergeant [redacted] and Officer [redacted] of the Chicago PD, and duplicate informants.

157-6-9-1892 p.2,4-6  
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The "Chicago Daily News," Chicago, of 11/19/65, contained an article which revealed that Martin Luther King, Jr. was currently in Chicago to address a joint meeting of the Chicago Baptist Ministerial Conference at the Fellowship Church, 45th and Princeton Ave. The article continued that while in Chicago King had praised comedian Dick Gregory, active locally in the civil rights movement, but had refused to state whether or not he would support Gregory in his announced intention of being a candidate for the position of Mayor of Chicago. King stated that he intended to discuss this matter with Gregory. He stated he had the highest respect for Gregory and they had worked together very closely in the past in connection with civil rights activities.

100-438794-921 encl. p.2  
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The 12/6/65 issue of the "Chicago Daily News" contained an article captioned "Protesters Eyeing Shift to Politics." This article stated that Chicagoans prominent in various protest movements had scheduled a conference in Chicago on 1/15/66 of a newly formed group tentatively called Committee for Independent Political Action (100-444877). One of the sponsors listed was Dick Gregory, who had announced his intention to oppose Mayor Richard J. Daley in the 1966 Chicago election. This article also stated the conference would be headed by Attorney Irving Birnbaum who stated the committee had made no commitment to support Gregory's candidacy for mayor.

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100-444877-3 encl. p.2  
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SI 100-444877-2 encl. p.1  
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The following references in the file captioned "Communist Influence in Racial Matters" contain information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory from 5/11/65 to 1966 in Erie, Pa., Milwaukee, and Chicago, in connection with racial matters. He spoke at a rally sponsored by the Milwaukee March Toward Freedom and Independence Committee in commemoration of the second anniversary of the historic civil rights march on Washington, DC. As of December, 1965 Gregory's candidacy for Mayor of Chicago in 1966 against Mayor Daley had been announced. The CP of Illinois reportedly planned to organize support for political candidates who would oppose Daley's Democratic Party candidates in the 1966 elections.

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100-442529-1068 p.2  
-1221 encl. p.1  
-1268 p.7  
-1555 p.5  
-1635 p.15,16,22

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A pamphlet captioned "The Herald of Freedom", Box 3, Zarephath, New Jersey, Vol. III, number 11, dated 12/31/65, with sub-caption "Revolution USA-1966" carried the following statement on page two: "A letter was sent to many leftists and Negro revolutionary leaders dated 12/3/65, by the Committee for Establishment of the Black Liberation Front, PO Box 16022, San Francisco, California. The letter called for the holding of a conference among the leaders of the Negro liberation forces in the US for the purpose of unifying all groups and organizations and sending representatives to the 'Havana Conference.' The 'Havana Conference' is to be held in early 1966, and is to be known as the Anti-Imperialist Congress. Representatives of all national liberation movements from Africa, Asia and Latin America are expected to attend. The Havana meeting is believed to be the result of the request of the CP of the Soviet Union for all socialist and anti-imperialist forces to join together for the final struggle."

[redacted] advised that [redacted] of Philadelphia left for Cuba from Mexico City on 1/6/66. [redacted], according to the source, was going to attend a meeting in Cuba and from Cuba would attempt to travel to Red China.

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On 1/11/66, [redacted] Reservation Desk. Aeronaves de Mexico, 500 5th Ave., NYC, advised that [redacted] departed from John F. Kennedy International Airport, NY, via Aeronaves de Mexico Airlines on 1/6/66, for Mexico City with no

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reservations for a return flight.

According to [redacted] on 1/12/66, the trip made by [redacted] was financed by Dick Gregory. Source further advised that [redacted] was from Detroit.

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It was noted that Black Liberation Front was the subject of this file.

105-138833-35 p.13  
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On 1/12/66, AT 1380-S\* advised that Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC discussed some matters with Andrew J. Young, Executive Director, SCLC, pertaining to future activity on the part of SCLC in Chicago. King told Young he thought he would participate in a benefit program in Chicago (date not given) and that he would ask Dick Gregory to appear with him.

100-438794-1045 encl. p.1  
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The "Chicago Daily News," Chicago, dated 1/14/66, carried an article captioned "Raby Fined For Resisting Cop." This article stated that on Friday, civil rights leader Albert W. Raby had been found guilty by a Criminal Court jury of resisting arrest during a civil rights demonstration last summer, and was fined \$100. At the same time, the jury found Raby and comedian Dick Gregory innocent of disorderly conduct charges stemming from the same demonstration. (details set out)

100-438794-A "Chicago Daily News"  
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On 1/14/66 Jessee H. Cutrer, Mayor, Bogalusa, La., advised he had received information from Negro citizens of Bogalusa, whom he considered reliable, to the effect that James Farmer, National Director of CORE, Dick Gregory and Louis Lomax (not identified) were allegedly coming to Bogalusa in the near future. Cutrer advised the arrival of these individuals in Bogalusa was supposed to be secret and the purpose of their coming to Bogalusa was unknown.

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On 12/28/65 [ ] advised that the Committee for Independent Political Action (CIPA) (100-444877) had distributed a leaflet which stated it was time to get a truly independent and anti-establishment political movement going. The leaflet continued that the undersigned, which included Dick Gregory, felt it was time to make the voice of the independents felt at the ballot box. It added that an all day gathering was scheduled for 1/15/66 in Chicago.

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The 1/13/66 issue of the "Chicago Sun-Times" contained an article captioned "Gregory, Havighurst Head Political Action Parley." This article stated that Dr. Robert Havighurst and Gregory would be co-chairmen of an all day CIPA convention in Chicago on 1/15/66.

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100-444877-6 encl. p.1  
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[ ] advised that on 1/15/66 the Committee for Independent Political Action (100-444877) held an all day meeting at McCormick Place, Chicago. One of the speakers was Dick Gregory.

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100-444877-7 encl. p.2  
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"Barrons," a national business and financial weekly, of 1/31/66, carried an article entitled "U.S. 'Peoples Politics,' a Report on the New Liberal-Radical United Front." This article stated that Paul Booth, National Secretary of the Students For A Democratic Society (100-439048), was among the organizers of the Committee for Independent Political Action which held "an all day organizational conference in this new nation-wide group on 1/15/66." (place not shown) Other organizers included Dick Gregory.

According to the above article, the audience of more than 800 delegates applauded Gregory, Co-Chairman, when he remarked "If Watts (Watts riot, Los Angeles, California) was wrong, we'd better go and burn all the American history books."

The article also pointed out that Gregory said he would run as an "independent" candidate for Mayor of Chicago in the 1966 campaign against Mayor Daley's (Democrat, Chicago, Illinois) machine.

100-439048-1004 p.42  
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Alice Widener, publisher of "U.S.A." magazine, NYC and a very good friend of the Bureau, covered the Committee for Independent Political Action (CIPA) (100-444877) conference held 1/15/66 in Chicago. Mrs. Widener furnished advance copies of two syndicated columns written by her concerning the activities of the CIPA conference.

Column captioned "Leftists' New 'Peoples's Politics'" stated that Dick Gregory, who plans to run this year as an "independent" candidate for mayor of Chicago, was a co-chairman of the conference. In his speech Gregory stated "There are spies in this room. FBI spies and police spies and there's another spy I won't identify now, but we'll see about him later." He did not explain the logic of why local and federal police authorities in Chicago would want to plant spies in an open meeting conducted for aboveboard political purposes. To those in the press near the dais, it seemed that either Gregory knew of behind-the-scenes CIPA activities warranting investigation by police authorities, or else he was making flagrantly demagogic and deliberately inflammatory anti-police propaganda.

Column captioned "New 'Peoples's Politics' Working Sessions" stated that one of the speakers, Philip Kron, was introduced falsely as a "speech writer" for candidate John Lindsay in the NYC mayoralty campaign. Kron stated Gregory couldn't possibly win, a statement resented by Negro militant civil leaders present.

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100-444877-5 encl. p.2,4  
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[redacted] of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of ACT (protect identity) advised that on 1/15,16/66, a meeting was held in Syracuse, NY, under the name of "Peoples Convention for Total Participation of the Poor." [redacted] stated that invitations were sent to various individuals inviting them to attend this meeting which was attended by Dick Gregory. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss problems confronting the Negroes in the US.

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157-6-53-772 encl. p.1  
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[redacted] Tulane University, New Orleans, La. (protect identity) advised that a request had been received by the University from [redacted] Tulane Liberals Club, on 1/11/66, for permission to sponsor a large scale "teach in" on Viet Nam at Tulane University on 2/5/66. This request listed the tentative speaker, which included Dick Gregory.

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105-138315-2294 encl.3  
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[redacted] furnished a mimeographed flyer issued by the Seattle Committee to End the War in Vietnam. This flyer announced that the Seattle Youth for Peace in Vietnam would hold an outdoor rally on 2/12/66 at 24th Ave. E and E Union, Seattle, Wash. based on theme of peace and civil rights. Prospective speakers at this rally were to include Dick Gregory.

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[redacted], a representative of CORE, Baltimore, Md., advised that CORE planned to conduct a demonstration at the US Post Office and Courthouse Building, Baltimore, on 2/18/66.

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Five individuals picketed the above building on 2/18/66 and carried signs that demanded the release of Dick Gregory and that the US honor the Medicine Creek Treaty giving Nusquale Indians fishing rights in the State of Washington.

Some of the above activity was observed by FBI Agents.

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157-6-3-1813 encl. p.1  
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SI 157-6-13-1810 p.1  
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The following references pertain to a fund raising rally held by ACT at 815 V. St. in Washington, DC on 2/26/66. At this rally Dick Gregory stressed the need for human dignity rather than education. He stated the "Watts" incident was legal according to the US Constitution.

REFERENCE

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100-441968-130 p.2  
-131 p.2  
-134 encl. p.2,3

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157-2466-110 p.2

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The following references in the file captioned "Organization For Black Power" (OFBP), a coalition of militant Negro radicals and civil rights leaders, set out information concerning the activities of Dick Gregory of Chicago during the period 6/14/64-2/27/66 in

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connection with OFBP. Gregory spoke at a civil rights rally in Dayton, Ohio which was sponsored by the Non-Violent Direct Action Committee. In December, 1965, he was to appear in Los Angeles. He was to be featured at a fund-raising rally in Philadelphia, and on 2/27/66 was to participate in a fund raising rally in the WUST Radio Station, Washington, DC for the benefit of the Deacons For Defense and Justice.

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157-3022-22 p.3  
-156 p.5  
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[redacted] (protect identity) advised that on 2/11/66, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (100-106670) had attended a meeting at 4859 South Wabash Ave., Chicago, the United Packing House Workers of America Hall, a meeting held primarily for the purpose of advertising and building support for the 3/12/66 SCLC Freedom Festival. King's comments urging all to attend and support the Festival were brief. During his remarks, however, he announced that entertainers at the Festival would include Dick Gregory.

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100-106670-2303 encl. p.3  
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"Muhammad Speaks" dated 3/18/66, carried an article on page 9 entitled "Gregory Blasts Daley; Sees 'Watts-Type' Riots" with photograph of Gregory. This article datelined Granville, Ohio, stated that Dick Gregory, the black comedian who had announced his intention of running for mayor of Chicago against Mayor Richard J. Daley, said that "a great social revolution" was under way to solve the Negro problem. The article stated that Gregory told 1,200 persons at Denison University, Granville, that the riot similar to the one in Los Angeles could occur in Chicago. He characterized Mayor Daley as perhaps the worst thing that had happened to black Americans since the days of slavery; that the only hope for improvements in the city would come with Daley's removal. The article further stated that at the Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, Gregory predicted rioting across the US that would make "Watts look like a pope's picnic." Chicago and St. Louis, he said, were the major cities that would be

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affected: The article stated that Gregory said he was running for Mayor of Chicago in order to draw "enough Negro votes to break the Mayor Daley machine, if not win the election." (Details set out)

25-330971-A "Muhammad Speaks" 3/18/66  
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[redacted] of City News Bureau, Chicago, advised that Dick Gregory was planning a press conference on 4/1/66 to discuss racial violence in Chicago.

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Patrolman [redacted] Human Relations Unit, Chicago PD, advised that at the 4/1/66 press conference Gregory announced the formation of a committee designed to avoid the outbreak of violence in Negro neighborhoods in Chicago during the coming months. Gregory explained the program of this committee and also answered questions concerning the committee.

Similar information to the above was furnished by [redacted], Chicago Commission on Human Relations.

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On 4/1/66 the "Chicago Daily News" contained an article reporting the above press conference and stated that evening rallies were expected to be held by Gregory on 4/5,6/66, place not yet named.

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157-6-9-2166 encl. p.1,2  
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The following reference on Dick Gregory located in file maintained in the Special File Room of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division, was reviewed and found to be identical with the subject of this summary; however, the information contained therein has not been included:

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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.

## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 12/1/66

Subject, who is better known in the entertainment world as Dick Gregory, previously informed Agents that he is planning to go to North Vietnam to entertain American prisoners of war. He has declared that he will go with or without State Department approval.

Gregory told the Agents that there is no intelligence mission involved in the trip and that he wants to be blindfolded when the North Vietnamese takes him from prison camp to prison camp. He said that if the North Vietnamese do not believe him, they can [REDACTED]

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A United Press International news release 12/1/66 indicated that Gregory has a passport valid until June, 1967. The release quoted Gregory as saying, "I think American prisoners are more important than the passport to me."

The information in attached is a rehash of material previously disseminated, therefore, no dissemination will be made of it. We are following the matter closely.

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321PM URGENT 12/1/66 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423), WASHINGTON FIELD AND NEW YORK

WASHINGTON FIELD VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347) 2P

ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD PLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO NORTH  
VIET NAM DURING THE NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS;  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

REFERENCE

LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM

RE: CHICAGO LHM TO DIRECTOR, NOVEMBER TWENTY ONE LAST  
CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM

FOR INFO OF NEW YORK REFERENCED LHM DISCLOSED GREGORY  
ANNOUNCEMENT NOVEMBER FOURTEEN LAST OF INTENTION TO VISIT NORTH  
VIET NAM THIS CHRISTMAS, PURPORTEDLY TO ENTERTAIN AMERICAN WAR  
PRISONERS THERE.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER, DECEMBER ONE INSTANT, CARRIED  
ARTICLE QUOTING GREGORY AS REVEALING NOVEMBER THIRTY LAST HE HAD  
BEEN INVITED TO NORTH VIET NAM TO ENTERTAIN AMERICAN PRISONERS  
THROUGH PARIS OFFICE OF BRITISH PHILOSOPHER-PACIFIST BERTRAND  
RUSSELL. GREGORY PRESENTLY STANDING TRIAL OLYMPIA WASHINGTON  
ON ILLEGAL FISHING CHARGES ARISING FROM DEMONSTRATIONS THERE WITH  
NISQUALLY INDIANS LAST FEBRUARY. GREGORY, SCHEDULED TO PERFORM

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*NEW YORK CITY*  
VILLAGE GATE NIGHT CLUB ~~NYC~~ THIS WEEKEND, DECLARED WOULD DEPART  
NEW YORK BY PLANE DECEMBER FIVE NEXT ENROUTE LONDON.  
SUBSEQUENTLY WILL FLY TO PARIS THEN HANOI.

TRIBUNE ARTICLE STATED GREGORY POSSESSED VALID PASSPORT AND  
QUOTED HIM SAYING HE WILL MAKE THE TRIP REGARDLESS OF WHETHER  
STATE DEPARTMENT GRANTS PERMISSION.

REQUEST WASHINGTON FIELD GIVE EXPEDITE ATTENTION TO DETERMINE  
IF GREGORY HOLDS VALID PASSPORT AS SET OUT IN REFERENCED  
COMMUNICATION. WASHINGTON FIELD ADDITIONALLY REQUESTED TO  
DETERMINE WHETHER [REDACTED] HOLDS VALID PASSPORT

SINCE POSSIBILITY EXISTS [REDACTED]

*UNITED STATES ATTORNEY*  
*USA, SECRET SERVICE, MILITARY ADVISED. CHICAGO FOLLOWING.*  
*LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM*  
LHM FOLLOWS.

*POLICE DEPARTMENT*  
ADDENDUM: CHICAGO PD SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT GREGORY HELD PRESS  
CONFERENCE THIS DATE AND DISCUSSED HIS INTENTION AND PLANS TO  
VISIT NORTH VIET NAM. GREGORY DISCLOSED WILL CONTACT U.S. STATE  
DEPARTMENT THIS DATE CONCERNING TRIP.

NEW YORK TO BE ADVISED

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423) AND SACS CHICAGO AND  
 NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1121)

ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL  
 TO NORTH VIETNAM DURING THE NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX CHRISTMAS  
 HOLIDAYS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE DECEMBER ONE LAST AND AIRTEL AND  
 LHM NOVEMBER TWENTY-ONE LAST.

RECORDS PASSPORT OFFICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
 (USDS), REVEAL GREGORY ISSUED PASSPORT NUMBER E FIVE ZERO  
 ZERO EIGHT EIGHT NINE ON JUNE TWELVE SIXTY-FOUR AT NEW YORK  
 CITY. [REDACTED] WAS ISSUED PASSPORT NUMBER [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] IN NOVEMBER SIXTY-FIVE AT NEW YORK CITY.

THESE PASSPORTS VALID FOR THREE YEARS FROM DATE OF  
 ISSUE AND RENEWABLE FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS. HOWEVER,  
 RENEWAL APPLICATION NECESSARY FOR RENEWAL. GREGORY'S  
 PASSPORT VALID UNTIL JUNE TWELVE SIXTY-SEVEN AND WITHIN

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THAT THREE YEAR PERIOD HE MAY TRAVEL TO ANY COUNTRY NOT RESTRICTED ON HIS PASSPORT. HE NEED NOT ADVISE THE PASSPORT OFFICE OF ANY TRAVEL PLANNED OR PERFORMED DURING THE PERIOD OF THE PASSPORT'S VALIDITY. THE PASSPORTS OF BOTH GREGORY AND  CONTAIN RESTRICTIONS MAKING PASSPORT NOT VALID FOR TRAVEL TO ALBANIA, CUBA, AND THOSE PORTIONS OF CHINA, KOREA, AND VIETNAM UNDER COMMUNIST CONTROL.

OFFICIALS OF LEGAL OFFICE OF THE PASSPORT OFFICE, USDS, ADVISED THIS DATE NO REQUEST HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THAT OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D. C., TO AUTHORIZE TRAVEL TO ANY COUNTRY LISTED UNDER THE RESTRICTION ON THE PASSPORT.

WFO WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH USDS AND ADVISE IF SUCH REQUEST IS RECEIVED OR ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING GREGORY'S TRAVEL TO NORTH VIETNAM. P.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-440423 CHICAGO 157-347 AND WASHINGTON FIELD 157-1121  
FROM NEW YORK 157-1093 2P

ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO  
NORTH VIETNAM DURING THE NINETEEN SIXTYSIX CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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RE CHICAGO TEL DECEMBER ONE LAST.

DICK GREGORY DEPARTED JOHN F. KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT, NEW YORK CITY, AT TEN AM, DECEMBER FIVE INSTANT,  
ABOARD TWA FLIGHT SEVEN ZERO TWO, BOUND FOR LONDON, ENGLAND.  
TWA OFFICIAL ADVISED NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS TO ANY  
CONNECTING FLIGHTS AT LONDON OR RETURN RESERVATIONS FOR GREGORY.

IN PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, GREGORY  
STATED HE WAS BOUND FOR LONDON, PARIS AND HANOI, NORTH VIETNAM;  
THAT HE COULD NOT PREDICT TIME OF ARRIVAL IN HANOI SINCE FLIGHTS  
TO NORTH VIETNAM WERE INFREQUENT; STATED PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS  
ENTERTAINMENT FOR AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN HANOI; STATED

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BERTRAND RUSSELL, BRITISH PHILOSOPHER, WAS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS ENTERTAINMENT AT LONDON. GREGORY DECLINED TO DISCUSS HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD VIETNAM WAR; STATED HE WAS OPPOSED TO KILLING; THAT HE WOULD NOT ENTERTAIN COMBAT SOLDIERS BUT WOULD ENTERTAIN CAPTURED SOLDIERS. GREGORY STATED HE RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM STATE DEPARTMENT WHICH REFERRED HIM TO TWO POINTS OF LAW WHICH HE DID NOT ENUNCIATE, WHICH TELEGRAM HE TURNED OVER TO HIS ATTORNEY.

LHM FOLLOWS.

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1465)

SUBJECT: COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR BLACK  
POWER (CCBP)  
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Re Chicago airtel and LHM captioned as above and dated 11/4/66; Chicago tels 11/4/66-11/7/66, captioned variously Picket Demonstrations, Auspices CCBP, November, 1966, RM, with additional captions of Youth Gang Conflict, Chicago, Illinois, RM; American Nazi Party, RM; Proposed Demonstration at Cook County, Illinois Jail by Oakland Committee for Community Improvement, 3939 South Drexel Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, November 8, 1966, and Unsubs; Alleged Threats Against Dick Gregory, Negro Entertainer, and Civil Rights Activist, and [REDACTED] OCCI, Election Laws - Extortion.

- 10 - Bureau (Enc. 18)
- (1 - 100-439190) (SNCC)
  - (1 - 100-440855) (CORE)
  - (1 - 100-441968) (ACT)
  - (1 - 157-2466) (DDJ)
  - (1 - 105-70374) (ANP)
  - (1 - 157-4253) (DICK GREGORY)
  - (1 - 157- ) (OCCI)
- 1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1) (RM) (INFO) (SNCC)
- 1 - New York (Enc. 1) (RM) (INFO) (CORE)
- 1 - New Orleans (Enc. 1) (RM) (INFO) (DDJ)

- 14 - Chicago
- (1 - 157-413)
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  - (1 - 100-11329) (CORE)
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eighteen (18) copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the above group, its activities and those related to it over the period 11/4-7/66.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum are designated as indicated to interested offices for information. The caption of the letterhead memorandum itself is being carried as Racial Matter rather than as Internal Security - Miscellaneous as this is deemed more appropriate to the nature of the activities as set forth.

Chicago is conducting no investigation concerning the threatening phone calls made to DICK GREGORY, from an extortion aspect, as the telephone calls to him and his associates were local in nature. A separate letterhead memorandum is being provided the Bureau under an appropriate caption pertaining to the threat against GREGORY and his associates under the caption Election Laws - Extortion.

The sources utilized in the enclosed are as follows:

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Chicago is continuing to follow the activities of the CCBP and those organizations and individuals active in this connection. The Bureau will be appropriately advised of subsequent developments.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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CG 157-1465

Chicago, Illinois

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COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR  
BLACK POWER (CCBP)  
RACIAL MATTER

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum of November 4, 1966, under the above caption setting forth in part plans of those groups and individuals composing the CCBP umbrella-type organization to conduct demonstrations in Chicago, Illinois, on November 4, 1966, and November 5, 1966. Those militantly oriented civil rights groups which compose the CCBP include in part ACT, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Deacons for Defense and Justice, Inc. (DDJ), Oakland Committee for Community Improvement (OCCI), the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), as well as members of several Negro youth gangs in Chicago; these latter inclusive of such as the Blackstone Rangers and the Vicelords.

Referenced memorandum reflected that representatives of the CCBP had planned a picket demonstration at approximately 1:00 PM on November 4, 1966, at Congress Plaza, Chicago, this demonstration to coincide here with a visit to Chicago of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

In connection with this planned demonstration, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 4, 1966, that this particular demonstration was not to be held in view of the cancellation by President Johnson of his plans to visit Chicago. In its place the representatives of the CCBP have scheduled demonstrations for November 4, 1966, commencing at approximately 4:00 PM

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ENCLOSURE

RE: COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR  
BLACK POWER (CCBP)

in the vicinity of Lake Street and Hamlin Avenue on Chicago's near northwest side. This demonstration is generally to be in protest of a lack of suitable candidates in the November 8, 1966, elections who are qualified or interested in suitably representing the Negro. These demonstrators are to proceed from their meeting point at Lake and Hamlin on a route taking them through this near northwest side neighborhood, predominantly white. The group has solicited the support of the DDJ to accompany them and to provide any protection necessary from any community attacks against the demonstrators. According to this source, the demonstrators themselves have no plans as such to initiate violence during the demonstration. If this demonstration is successful the group plans to conduct similar demonstrations in other all white or predominantly white Chicago neighborhoods over the forthcoming weekend. These demonstrations are to be held with the hope of encouraging the so-called "white backlash" to further embarrass the Democratic city administration and further contribute to the defeat of local Democratic candidates for public office in the November 8, 1966, elections.

Lieutenant [ ] Communications Section, Chicago Police Department, advised that as of 4:30 PM on November 4, 1966, there were no demonstrators then in the vicinity of Lake and Hamlin Avenues, however, additional police forces have been detailed to this area to insure that no problems arise in the event the demonstrators do appear.

Lieutenant [ ] subsequently advised that the scheduled demonstration and march, above, did not begin until 7:15 PM on November 4, 1966. Only 17 demonstrators, all Negro, subsequently marched from the intersection of Lake and Hamlin through this and nearby neighborhoods, terminating their march at approximately 10:00 PM. These demonstrators were accompanied by approximately 50 Chicago police officers and there were no incidents, arrests or disorders at any time during the course of the affair.

Patrolman [ ], Deputy Superintendent's Office, Chicago Police Department, advised at approximately noon, November 5, 1966, that information had been received by the

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BLACK POWER (CCBP)

Chicago Police Department that the West Side Chapter of ACT has laid plans for a march on this date to commence at approximately 4:00 PM. Those involved will originate their demonstration from ACT Headquarters, 413 East Oakwood Boulevard, Chicago, to the headquarters of the 13th Ward, Regular Democratic Party Organization, 6509 South Kedzie, Chicago. The stated reason for this march is to encourage a Negro boycott at the polls on the occasion of the elections to be held November 8, 1966. ACT is to be joined in this march by individuals representative of those other groups which comprise the CCBP, notably SNCC and CORE.

It will be recalled that referenced memorandum of November 4, 1966, also contained information to the effect that a march was to be held by CCBP forces on November 5, 1966, through the First Congressional District on Chicago's south side.

In connection with this demonstration, Commander [redacted], 3rd District, Chicago Police Department, covering the First Congressional District, advised that some 22 demonstrators led by Robert Lucas, Chicago CORE Chairman, marched for a short while early Saturday afternoon, November 5, 1966, from the area of 63rd and South Park Avenues, to the vicinity of 47th and South Park where the demonstration ended at approximately 3:00 PM. [redacted] advised that the marchers carried signs calling for the defeat of incumbent Congressman William L. Dawson, Chicago's First Congressional District, in protest of his past record in the civil rights area. [redacted] advised that the marchers did not reach Congressman Dawson's office as had been planned, apparently because of their fatigue. There were no incidents, arrests or disorders in connection with this march.

Lieutenant [redacted], Watch Commander, 8th District, Chicago Police Department, advised at 5:00 PM on November 5, 1966, that the demonstration planned for this afternoon at 4:00 PM by the West Side Chapter of ACT had been canceled. [redacted] advised that [redacted] ACT [redacted] had advised that the demonstration instead would be held at 4:00 PM on November 6, 1966, with a march to begin from 413

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East Oakwood Boulevard, Chicago, ACT Headquarters, to the 13th Ward Democratic Headquarters at 6509 South Kedzie Avenue. The marchers additionally will proceed to the vicinity of 3900 West 63rd Street in this general area, this address the headquarters of the 13th Ward Republican Organization.

[ ] stated that to the best of his information, this demonstration on November 5, 1966, had been canceled because most of the participants were to have been those who had taken part in a earlier march on this date on Chicago's south side and these individuals had apparently not physically been able to engage in another march on this date.

Lieutenant [ ] above, advised on November 6, 1966, that the planned demonstration by ACT and associates of this organization before both the Democratic and Republican Party headquarters on Chicago's west side had not materialized. [ ] had no information concerning the reason for the cancellation of this march other than the fact that insufficient support had been mobilized by those organizations who were interested in it to render it other than embarrassing.

[ ] advised, however, that the Chicago Branch of the American Nazi Party had apparently learned of the contemplated demonstrations to be held in this area on Chicago's south side and had scheduled a counter demonstration to take place in Marquette Park. The area where the ACT demonstrations were to have taken place is generally in the Gage Park and Chicago Lawn areas on Chicago's southwest side, the scene of serious disorders during the summer of 1966 on the occasion of civil rights marches through these all white residential neighborhoods.

Concerning the ANP activity in Marquette Park on this date, [ ] advised that at approximately 4:30 PM, five individuals, all Caucasian, had been arrested in Marquette Park for distributing Nazi Party literature. These individuals were identified as follows:



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[redacted]  
Highland Park, Illinois

[redacted]  
Chicago Branch ANP

[redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago

[redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago

[redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago

Concerning these individuals, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] are all known in the past to have been active in the Chicago Branch, ANP.

Records of the Chicago Office reflect no information identifiable with either [redacted]

At 6:00 PM, November 6, 1966, Lieutenant [redacted] advised that he had learned that Dick Gregory, Negro entertainer and civil rights activist, now in Chicago, was present at ACT Headquarters with some eight other persons attempting to organize a march to or demonstration in the Cage Park area later that evening. As of 6:45 PM, November 6, 1966, Officer [redacted] Office of the Deputy Superintendent, Chicago Police Department, advised that Gregory and this group were still at ACT Headquarters continuing to attempt to organize such a demonstration, however, there was no indication at that time when such activity would take place.

[redacted] Commander, 2nd District, Chicago Police Department, advised the Chicago Office that Gregory and Lawrence Landry together with some 14 other individuals departed the ACT Headquarters at approximately 7:20 PM, en-route to 13th Ward Republican Headquarters, 3900 West 63rd Street. Upon arrival here this group demonstrated peacefully for approximately an hour, then proceeded to 13th Ward Democratic Headquarters, 6509 South Kedzie. Here the demonstrators became disorderly, noisy and rowdy, repeatedly shouting

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"Black Power", and the Chicago Police Department forces present on the scene arrested ten male and three female demonstrators on disorderly conduct charges. Among those arrested was [redacted] of the West Side Chapter of ACT. Gregory and Landry were not arrested as a result of this activity.

Officer [redacted] above, advised that information subsequently received by the Chicago Police Department reflected that Gregory, subsequent to the demonstration on Chicago's southwest side, had stated that he might engage in an all-night vigil at Cook County Jail, Chicago, to protest the incarceration there of [redacted] of the OCCI. [redacted] a close associate of Gregory, is currently in jail for defiance of a local circuit court injunction restricting civil rights marches in Chicago, this injunction obtained in August, 1966, by Chicago city authorities. As of 10:00 PM, November 6, 1966, Captain [redacted] 10th District, Chicago Police Department, covering the area surrounding the Cook County Jail, advised that there were no demonstrators in the vicinity of the jail at the present time. He advised that his information was now to the effect that the OCCI would conduct an all-night vigil at Cook County Jail, 26th and California, Chicago, to protest the incarceration of [redacted] beginning at midnight, Monday, November 7, 1966, and concluding at 6:00 AM, November 8, 1966. [redacted] stated that according to the [redacted] of the OCCI, [redacted] the size of the group participating in this all-night vigil will be within the limits of the law pertaining to such activity.

At 3:25 AM, November 7, 1966, Officer [redacted] [redacted], Office of the Deputy Superintendent, advised that a telephone call had been received at the Deputy Superintendent's Office at 2:35 AM from [redacted] above, affiliated with the OCCI. At that time [redacted] reported a threatening telephone call received by him at 2:10 AM, November 7, 1966. The telephone call was from an unidentified male who stated to [redacted] "If you demonstrate before election day I'll kill you." [redacted] further advised that the Deputy Superintendent's Office was notified at 3:10 AM by Chicago Police officers calling from the residence of Dick Gregory, 1451 East 55th Street, Chicago, that Gregory had previously reported to the district police precinct that he had also received a threatening telephone call, this call

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received at 2:00 AM, November 7, 1966. Gregory's caller had reportedly stated, "Stay in your house until after the election."

At 2:55 AM, November 7, 1966, the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation received a telephone call from Dick Gregory who at that point stated that he and some of his associates were receiving threatening telephone calls as a result of his proposed demonstrations. At this point Gregory stated that representatives of the Chicago Police Department had just arrived at his residence and he would recontact the Chicago Office with further details as soon as possible.

Gregory subsequently recontacted the Chicago Office at 5:18 AM, November 7, 1966, and advised that although the matter of the threatening telephone calls received by him and his associates had been referred to the Chicago Police Department and the Cook County Sheriff's Office, his attorneys had advised him that he should again contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation to furnish full information concerning these calls. Gregory stated that to the best of his recollection, his caller had stated, "Don't go to the jail and demonstrate tomorrow or you'll be hurt. Stay in your house until after election. This goes for [redacted]"

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Gregory stated that he then cursed at the caller, was cursed in return at which point Gregory hung up. Gregory advised he was not concerned about this call until he learned shortly thereafter that [redacted]

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[redacted] (all referred to above) had received similar telephone calls this AM. Gregory stated that the call to [redacted] in effect was "If you come out in the street you will be dusted off." Gregory advised that it was his belief that these threatening calls resulted from his announcing a planned rally and demonstration at the Cook County Jail commencing midnight, November 7, 1966. Both Gregory and Chicago Police Department sources familiar with these calls advised that they consider them local in nature.

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Pertinent portions of the above information were provided during the period November 4-7, 1966, to the following:



113th MI Group, Region I,  
Evanston, Illinois



United States Secret Service,  
Chicago, Illinois



United States Attorney's Office,  
Chicago, Illinois

The DDJ and the ANP, national and local, will be characterized on the attached appendix pages. The sources utilized in the ANP characterizations have furnished reliable information in the past.

Copies of this memorandum are being provided to: United States Secret Service, Chicago, Office of the United States Attorney, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.,  
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Inc.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) as on file with the Secretary of State, for the State of Louisiana, reflects that the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc., is a Louisiana corporation domiciled at Jonesboro, Louisiana. The location and business office address of its registered office shall be Amos Service Station (rear), Beach Spring Road, Drawer B. Jonesboro, Louisiana.

"This corporation is organized for the following purposes and to carry on the following purposes:

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AMERICAN NAZI PARTY OF THE WORLD  
UNION OF FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL  
SOCIALISTS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE  
GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL PARTY

In his book "This Time The World," copyrighted in 1961, GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL identified himself as Commander, American Nazi Party of the World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (ANP - WUFENS), Arlington, Virginia.

The April 4, 1963, issue of "The Richmond News Leader," a Richmond, Virginia, daily newspaper, reported that GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL had, on the previous day, again applied for the American Nazi Party to be chartered in the State of Virginia, but this request was turned down by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. This action was taken pursuant to an act of the 1962 Virginia Assembly which prohibits use of "Nazi" or "National Socialism" in a Virginia charter. This article further pointed out that ROCKWELL's Party is presently chartered in the State of Virginia as the George Lincoln Rockwell Party.

On August 14, 1964, a source advised that the ANP - WUFENS was organized by GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL at his residence in Arlington, Virginia, on February 26, 1959, as an international "National Socialist" movement based on the German Nazi Party headed by ADOLF HITLER. He added that ROCKWELL is the dominant force and personality in this party; that he is espousing a "line" of hatred against the Jews and Negroes; and that he is seeking, through speeches, distribution of literature and picketing, to establish a cohesive and dominant political party in the United States and in foreign countries.

According to the "Stormtrooper's Manual," an official publication of the ANP, the phases of ANP struggle for power are fourfold, namely, first "to make ourselves known to the masses"; second, "the dissemination of our program and truth about the Party"; third, "organizing the people who have been converted to our propaganda"; and fourth, "the attainment of power through the votes of the newly-won masses."

On August 19, 1966, the source advised that GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL presently believes that he has completed the first two phases in his struggle for power and is well into the third stage, to wit, "the organizing of the people who have been converted to our propaganda." The source added that ROCKWELL had previously believed that he would be elected Governor of Virginia in November, 1965, and when defeated, he made the statement that he was not ready for stage four.

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

A source advised on November 14, 1960, that on that date a meeting was held in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of organizing a Chicago Unit of the American Nazi Party (ANP) which maintains headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, National Commander, ANP, took charge of this meeting.

On May 22, 1962, [ ] self-identified as lieutenant, ANP, Chicago, advised that the ANP in Chicago is to a degree autonomous although it remains subject to the final authority of GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL and ANP National Headquarters.

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A second source advised on August 17, 1966, that the Chicago branch of the ANP is currently located at 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 12/2/66

FROM : J. F. Bland

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Wick  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Enlow

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and civil rights agitator has publicly announced that with [redacted] he plans to travel to North Vietnam to entertain American prisoners of war. State Department has asked for a name check on Gregory.

Gregory is the unscrupulous publicity hound who has made disparaging and contemptuous remarks concerning the Director and the Bureau. His sanity can be questioned as he told our Seattle Office that the North Vietnamese could [redacted] if they suspected any duplicity on his part.

Our files show he reportedly is a friend of a Seattle Socialist Workers Party leader and met with him last February in New York City. His activities pertain to racial and civil rights agitation and demonstrations.

Gregory has a valid passport until June, 1967, and may travel to any country not restricted on his passport. Among the countries restricted on Gregory's and [redacted] passports is that portion of Vietnam under communist control. Gregory told an informant of ours that [redacted]

## OBSERVATIONS:

All pertinent information has been furnished to the State Department and the granting of a visa is the State Department's responsibility.

ACTION:

For information.

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Date: 11/28/66

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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To: Director, FBI  
(100-440423)

From: *SAW* SEATTLE (157-511)

Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO: CHICAGO)

## ATTENTION:

- ☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
☐ GENERAL INVEST. DIV.  
☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

- ☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64  
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF  
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

## Summary of Complaint:

Enclosed are eleven (11) copies of a letterhead memorandum for the Bureau, and for Chicago, two (2) copies of a letterhead memo setting forth information volunteered by comedian DICK GREGORY on November 28, 1966 at Olympia, Washington, where he was appearing for trial on a charge of illegally fishing on an Indian Reservation, the charge being brought by the State of Washington. The contents of the letterhead memo were volunteered by GREGORY to Special Agent [redacted] at the Thurston County

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- 1 - Bureau (Enc. 11)(REG)(AM)  
2 - Chicago (157-347)(Enc. 2)(REG)(AM)  
2 - Seattle

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by routing slip for Civil RD, Office of the AG, C.I.F.,

☒ info☐ action

date 12-2-66

ACTION: UACB: by *PRE/AL*

- ☐ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Approved: *56 DEC 20 1966*

Special Agent in Charge

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Court House. SA [ ] was at the Thurston County Sheriff's Office conversing with Undersheriff [ ] when GREGORY approached, introduced himself to SA [ ] noting he was already acquainted with Undersheriff [ ] GREGORY thereafter conversationally conveyed the information set out in the letterhead memo.

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A copy of the letterhead memo has been furnished locally by FD-342 to the U.S. Secret Service, the United States Attorney, INTC, ONI, and OSI.

The Bureau will be kept informed regarding developments in this matter.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington  
November 28, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On November 28, 1966, comedian DICK GREGORY, of Chicago, Illinois, appeared at the Thurston County Court House, Olympia, Washington, incidental to his being charged with illegal fishing on an Indian Reservation. The trial had not yet begun, though it is scheduled for November 28, 1966. Mr. GREGORY had occasion to volunteer the following to an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

He had just returned from Europe and for the purpose of appearing at the aforementioned trial. In Europe he approached BERTRAND RUSSELL, well known English philosopher, with his idea to appear as an entertainer in North Vietnam prison camps for the purpose of a non-political Christmas holiday entertainment in their behalf. This would be contingent upon a Christmas truce.

Two North Vietnamese officials flew from Hanoi to London and GREGORY met them there, asking to meet and talk with HO Chi-minh. The North Vietnamese appeared quite receptive to GREGORY's plan, but said they could not speak for the North Vietnamese people until the people's wishes were established, since four million pounds of bombs are dropped daily on North Vietnam by American pilots and the idea now of entertaining these pilots would possibly be repugnant to the people.

GREGORY said the North Vietnamese advised him they would pursue the matter and he would be contacted and advised of the feasibility of hearing out his plan.

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GREGORY said he would have to learn the "ground rules" of HO Chi-minh and in turn, his own ground rules would have to be explained. He then said he would not agree to entertaining American prisoners in North Vietnam if there was segregation involved in any form, including the elimination of pilots from any audience, as he felt this would be tantamount to being a party to condemnation of the pilots' actions. He also said he would want to be blindfolded when traveling between prisoner camps, as he did not want to learn anything that could be construed to be military or intelligence information.

GREGORY said he intended to receive the North Vietnamese reply and then if favorable, he would go to the United States State Department for their approval, asking that his luggage be completely searched before his departure and asking further that he be permitted to take [redacted] with him as a gesture to support the non-political purpose of his visit. Further, if the North Vietnamese suspected any duplicity on his part, they would be welcome to, as he put it, [redacted]

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GREGORY said he believes the American prisoners of the North Vietnamese are entitled to be entertained as much as anyone else and he also hoped to ask the North Vietnamese to release any wounded who obviously would never be able to return to combat. He said this entire effort was part of his conviction that people to people efforts can succeed in overcoming man's inhumanity to man through warfare and he will have no part in any propaganda effort that might attach itself to his proposed program. He then commented on the "cocktail sipping Government officials in Washington, D.C." who make decisions affecting the lives of men on the front lines and he believed the men on the front lines should make their own decisions. He added that if he were an American soldier, he would be the best and would die twice for his country; but if captured, he felt that as a prisoner, he should give more than his name, rank and serial number and should tell all he knew. He did not expound upon this further due to an interruption.

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Date: December 5, 1966

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From: SAO SEATTLE (157-511) (P) ☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
☐ GENERAL INVEST. DIV.  
☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: Chicago

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☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

## Summary of Complaint:

Enclosed are 11 copies for the Bureau and 2 copies for Chicago of a LHM supplementing information in Seattle LHM under this caption dated November 28, 1966.

Copy of the enclosure is being made available locally by FD-342 to United States Secret Service, United States Attorney, INTC, NISO and OSI. *LHM*LEADSEATTLE DIVISION  
At Olympia, WashingtonCopy to AAH, Yonkers, State, Cir  
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date 12/8/66  
by RFE/whkWill report results of court action in this matter scheduled for January 12, 1967. *100-440423-109*ACTION ENCLOSURE  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Seattle, Washington  
December 5, 1966

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Attached is a copy of an article which appeared in the December 1, 1966 issue of the "Daily Olympian", a newspaper of general circulation published at Olympia, Washington, and a copy of one which appeared in the November 30, 1966 issue of that newspaper.

The content of the attachments supplements information in the memorandum under this caption dated November 28, 1966.

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'A FAIR TRIAL ALL THE WAY ...

# Gregorys To Appeal Fish-In Convictions

By BOB McDANIEL

Daily Olympian Staff Writer

The Courthouse show is over—at least for the time being.

Dick Gregory and his wife, Lillian, Wednesday evening were convicted on a total of five charges of illegal fishing. But the Negro comedian and his wife have another Thurston County Superior Court date next January 12, when they are scheduled to appear once more before Judge Hewitt A. Henry.

To be argued then will be a motion for a new trial, and if that is not successful, sentencing for the couple. Maximum penalty for Gregory could be three years in jail and a \$3,000 fine, and for his wife, two years and \$2,000.

The motion for a new trial was filed by Jack Tanner, Tacoma attorney for the Gregorys.

The whole thing started last Winter with Gregory and his wife fishing in the Nisqually River in support of Indian claims they're usual and accustomed fishing spots—guaranteed by the century-old Medicine Creek Treaty—were being violated.

Neither of the defendants was

on hand for the verdict, which required three and a half hours of deliberation by a jury of seven women and five men. The Gregorys left Wednesday afternoon for Chicago and preparation for a trip, the announced candidate for mayor of Chicago will make to Manoi next week. Gregory said Wednesday that he will try to make arrangements for a Christmas show for Ameri-

can prisoners of war held in North Viet Nam.

Gregory, who said he has not approached the State Department with his plans for a trip abroad, drew a comment from Secretary of State Dean Rusk, who said if Gregory went without permission it would "pose some problems for us and for him."

Back in Thurston County, it was a nearly empty Courtroom by the time the verdict was announced. The Gregorys were absent, as were such visiting Indian notables as Mad Bear, a longshoreman from New York; Semu, a Chumash medicine man from San Diego, and Messenger Boy, who said he would rather be called Craig Carpenter.

Before his followers departed, Gregory treated them and a handful of Courthouse on-lookers to a half-hour of his specialty—an impromptu comedy routine. The third floor hallway outside of Judge Henry's courtroom served as a stage.

He joked about civil rights mostly, taking verbal pot shots at law enforcement, Dixie style. Then, in a more serious vein, Gregory showered praise on the eight state game protectors who testified at his trial. But the comic urge got the best of him, and in the end the comedian reverted to form and quipped:

"They told the truth, and man I'm not used to honest cops. It's been a fair trial all the way and I'm not complaining."

The man who says he "NEVER" takes the easy way out and forfeits bail when he gets into a legal hassle assured everyone that he and his wife will be on hand for the court action set for next month.

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NORTH VIET NAM

# Gregory Announces He'll Hop To Hanoi

Negro comedian Dick Gregory said Wednesday morning that he will leave next Monday for Hanoi and a conference with the North Vietnamese government officials concerning a series of Christmas shows he wants to stage for captured American troops held there.

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Confirmation of his bid for the trip came early Wednesday morning from British Philosopher Bertrand Russell's Paris office, Gregory said during a press conference prior to the third day of his trial in Thurston County Superior Court on illegal fishing charges.

In making the announcement, Gregory reiterated comments made earlier in the week that he "is going as a human being, not as an American or a patriot."

He again said that the U.S. State Department has not entered the picture, "because they couldn't get me into Hanoi if they wanted to."

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If the initial conference in Hanoi is successful, Gregory said, he will try to take a trio of musicians, his wife, and two of his five daughters for the holiday junket next month.

"I'll leave my wife and kids there as a gesture of good faith," he said. "I don't know if the North Vietnamese will go for the idea of hostages, but if they want me to, I'll leave my wife, Lillian, and daughters, Michele, 7, and Lynn, 5, in Hanoi for a month."

The comedian said that he will not entertain in nightclubs for a maximum of two years if he makes the trip to North Vietnam. This is, he said, "because I wouldn't want to make money" due to the trip. He said he will continue with his writing and lecture appearances regardless of the trip.

Gregory said he planned to pay for the trip himself by financing it with a series of appearances in Chicago before he leaves next month.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 12/2/66

Subject, also known as Dick Gregory. Information previously received concerning proposed travel to Hanoi has been disseminated to State, Central Intelligence Agency(CIA), and Department of Justice.

Proposed travel receiving wide publicity.

Information in incoming teletype being disseminated to State, CIA and Department of Justice.

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TO DIRECTOR CHICAGO AND WASHINGTON FIELD

CHICAGO AND WASHINGTON FIELD VIA WASHINGTON - ENCODED

FROM [NEW YORK 1P] ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U)

ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO NORTH  
VIET NAM DURING THE NINETEEN SIXTYSIX CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.  
INFO CONCERNING

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RE CHICAGO TELETYPE, DECEMBER ONE LAST. *u*

ON DECEMBER ONE LAST, [REDACTED]

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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December 2, 1966

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
aka, Dick Gregory  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

1 - Mr. [redacted]  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. [redacted]  
1 - Mr. [redacted]

No investigation has been conducted concerning the captioned individual.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on December 2, 1966, that



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[redacted] The informant was unable to furnish information concerning the purpose of this travel.

This confirms information orally furnished to [redacted] Night Duty Officer, State Department, 12/2/66. (On State Department Copy only).

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FBI NEW YORK

303 PM URGENT 12-4-66 MAP

TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO AND WASHINGTON FIELD

CHICAGO AND WASHINGTON FIELD VIA WASHINGTON - ENCODED

FROM NEW YORK 2P

BUFILE 100-440423, CHICAGO 157-347 NEW YORK, 157-1093

ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL  
TO NORTH VIETNAM DURING THE NINETEEN SIXTY SIX CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAYS INFORMATION CONCERNING.

CLASS. & EXT. BY 2842 PMU/DB  
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12/4/86 (U)

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ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Shirley, ST, CTA, Gregory 12-5-66  
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~~DATE 10/1/00~~ (U)

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NYO WILL FOLLOW AND ADVISE. *u*

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JER R RELAY

FBI WASH DC

~~NY CAN THIS BE HELD TILL MONDAY CONMPXXX CONTACT AT 9:30 WITH~~  
~~CG OR DOES THIS HAVE TO GO RIGHT OUT? GA~~

~~SORRY~~

~~HOLD ONE MINUTE WILL CHECK~~

~~GSVHG~~

~~ME SA XXXX MESSAGE CAN BE HELD UNTIL MONDAY MORNING~~

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GOOD ENOUGH MATE AND THANKS AND CUL K

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REC 19 100-440423 111

December 5, 1966

**RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY**  
aka, Dick Gregory  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on December 4, 1966, that



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This confirms information orally furnished to  
[redacted] State Department, December 4, 1966.  
(On State Department copy only)

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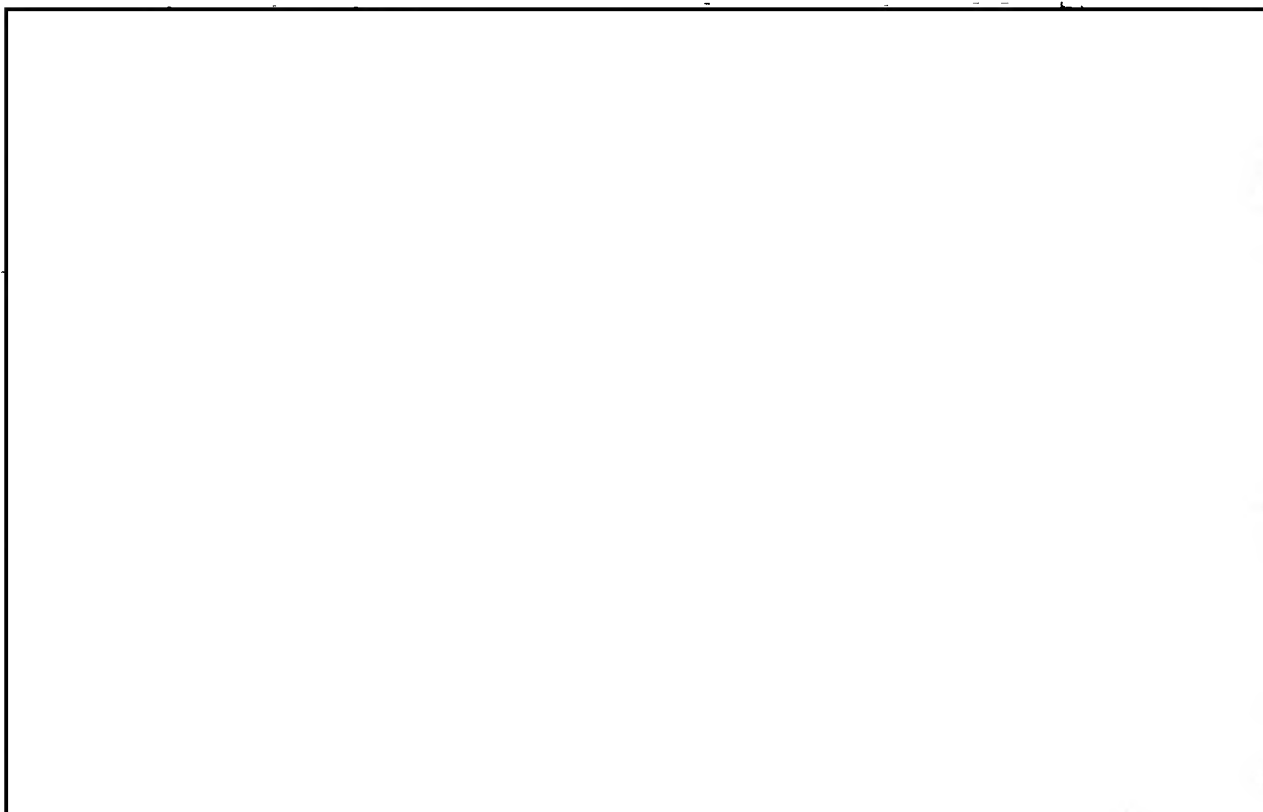
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (100-440423)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, DICK GREGORY, INFORMATION  
CONCERNING.

ON DECEMBER FOUR LAST SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE  
INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED

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CABLEGRAM TO LONDON  
RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
100-440423

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[REDACTED] GREGORY IS COMEDIAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS AGITATOR WHO HAS MADE DISPARAGING REMARKS CONCERNING BUREAU. ALERT YOUR SOURCES FOR RECEIPT OF ANY INFORMATION COMING TO THEIR ATTENTION REGARDING GREGORY'S ACTIVITIES IN ENGLAND. GREGORY HOLDS PASSPORT NUMBER E FIVE ZERO ZERO EIGHT EIGHT NINE, ISSUED JUNE TWELVE ONE NINE SIX FOUR IN NEW YORK CITY.

NOTE: Source is [REDACTED] See NYtels 12/2/66 and 12/4/66 captioned "Announced Plans by Richard Claxton Gregory to Travel to North Vietnam During the 1966 Christmas Holidays, Information Concerning." The above and all other pertinent information has been furnished to the State Department.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD  
CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL  
TO NORTH VIETNAM DURING  
THE 1966 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS;  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ReNYteletype to Bureau, 12/5/66.

Enclosed for Bureau and offices listed are copies of LHM covering DICK GREGORY's departure from New York on 12/5/66. Special Agents who personally observed GREGORY's departure were Special Agents HENRY RASK and VINCENT J. ASCHERL.

Special Agents ASCHERL and RASK overheard comments made by GREGORY at the press conference prior to his departure on 12/5/66.

Dissemination of attached LHM is being made locally to 108th INTC Group of Secret Service.

Copies disseminated to Chicago and WFO since they have received copies of prior communications in this matter.

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by routing slip for CLM State 100-440423-113  
☒ info ☐ action  
date 12-9-66  
by P. J. H. EX-103

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- ③ - Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Bureau 100-440423  
New York 157-1093

New York, New York  
December 7, 1966

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Announced Plans by Richard  
Claxton Gregory to Travel to  
North Vietnam during the 1966  
Christmas Holidays  
Information Concerning

Special Agent personnel Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Richard Claxton Gregory depart from John F. Kennedy International Airport, Queens, New York, on December 5, 1966, at 10:00 a.m. aboard Trans World Airlines Flight 702 bound for London, England. At a press conference given by Dick Gregory prior to his departure he made the following statements:

He was bound for London, Paris and Hanoi, North Vietnam. He could not predict the date of his arrival in Hanoi since flights to North Vietnam were infrequent. The purpose of his trip was to negotiate for Christmas entertainment of American prisoners of war in North Vietnam. He was going at the invitation of the Hanoi Government and Bertrand Russell, British philosopher and pacifist was instrumental in arranging the trip.

Dick Gregory declined to discuss his attitude toward the Vietnam War. He was not against war, but he was against killings. He was making the trip as a "human being." He would not give shows to combat soldiers but would give shows to captured soldiers.

Dick Gregory was asked if he had heard from the State Department relative to this trip. He replied that he had received a telegram from the State Department which referred him to two points of law. Dick Gregory did not enunciate the two points of law involved but he turned the telegram over to his attorney.

Gregory stated that the telegram from the Department of State has not changed his plans.

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Announced Plans by Richard  
Claxton Gregory to Travel to  
North Vietnam during the 1966  
Christmas Holidays

The "New York Times" December 4, 1966, page 9, contained an article entitled "Dick Gregory Going to Hanoi to Arrange Shows for G.I. Captives." This article related that at a previous press interview Dick Gregory stated that the above trip to Hanoi commencing December 5, 1966, "would be made only to work out details for the second visit" at Christmas time. If he was successful in arranging for the Christmas trip he would concentrate then on entertaining the prisoners.

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12/7/66

Date \_\_\_\_\_

[redacted] Public Relations Man, Trans World Airlines, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Queens, New York, furnished the following information:

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RICHARD GREGORY was ticketed by Trans World Airlines on their Flight 702 departing John F. Kennedy International Airport at 10:00 a.m. December 5, 1966, bound for London, England. DICK GREGORY departed on this flight at the time scheduled. He held a one-way ticket with no return reservations, and there were no reservations for connecting flights at London.

12/5/66 John F. Kennedy International Airport, Queens, New York NY 157-1093

On \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ File # \_\_\_\_\_  
SAS HENRY RASK and  
VINCENT J. ASCHERL/mg

12/6/66

by \_\_\_\_\_ Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_

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DEC 10 1966

ENCODED MESSAGE

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Miss Gandy\_\_\_\_\_

FBI NEW YORK

100 AM URGENT 12-10-66 CRM

TO DIRECTOR -2- (100-440423) AND CHICAGO (157-347)

FROM NEW YORK (157-1093) 1P

ANNOUNCED PLANS OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO NORTH VIETNAM  
DURING NINETEEN SIXTY SIX CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. INFORMATION CONCERNING

RE NY TT TO BUREAU TWELVE FIVE SIXTY SIX.

[REDACTED] PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, TRANS WORLD AIRLINES,  
NYC, ADVISED DECEMBER NINTH THAT DICK GREGORY ARRIVED JOHN F.  
KENNEDY AIRPORT, QUEENS, NY, DECEMBER NINTH ABOARD TWO FLIGHT SEVEN  
ZERO ONE, WHICH ARRIVED AT FIVE FORTY PM, FROM LONDON ENGLAND.

LHM FOLLOWS.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093) RUC.

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCED PLANS OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
TO TRAVEL TO NORTH VIETNAM DURING 1966  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(OO: CHICAGO)

CLASS. & EXT. BY 2842 PM 12/20/79  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 12/12/86

ReNYteletype to Bureau 12/10/66, reporting return  
of DICK GREGORY to NY from London on 12/19/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau and offices listed are  
copies of an LHM covering DICK GREGORY's return to NY on  
12/9/66.

[redacted] TWA, furnished information to SA  
VINCENT J. ASCHERL.

Confidential source referred to in attached LHM  
is [redacted] (U)

Attached LHM is classified "~~Confidential~~" since  
unauthorized disclosure of information attributed to this  
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could have an adverse effect on the national defense.

-Dissemination is being made locally to 108th INTC  
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Information copies are designated for WFO since they  
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- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)  
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Special Agent in Charge

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New York, New York  
December 12, 1966

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REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 12/20/79  
12/12/86

Announced Plans of Richard Claxton Gregory  
To Travel To North Vietnam During 1966  
Christmas Holidays  
Information Concerning

[REDACTED] Public Relations Department, Trans  
World Airlines (TWA), John F. Kennedy International Airport,  
Queens, New York, advised on December 9, 1966, that Dick  
Gregory returned to New York aboard TWA Flight 701 which  
arrived at this airport at 5:40 p.m., December 9, 1966, from  
London, England.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, advised on December 10, 1966, that  
at a press conference held at the Village Gate, an entertainment  
spot in Greenwich Village, New York City, at 11:00 a.m.,  
December 10, 1966, Dick Gregory made the following statement:

Dick Gregory was notified by Bertrand Russell,  
English philosopher and pacifist, that his (Gregory's)  
projected trip to Hanoi, North Vietnam, to entertain United  
States prisoners of war had been turned down by the North  
Vietnamese. The reason given was the extensive bombing of  
North Vietnam by United States forces. Dick Gregory stated  
he sent a telegram to the Hanoi Government advising that he  
was not interested in political affairs, but was primarily  
concerned with entertaining United States prisoners of war  
in North Vietnam. Dick Gregory stated he sent a telegram  
to the President of the United States protesting travel  
restrictions on his United States passport. He also indicated  
he planned legal action against the United States Government  
to enjoin the Government from restricting his travelling  
privileges. Dick Gregory stated he is not a Communist and  
would never become one. (S) (U)

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Announced Plans of Richard Claxton Gregory  
To Travel To North Vietnam During 1966  
Christmas Holidays

The "New York Times" issue of December 11, 1966, on Page 8, carried an article entitled "Gregory Says Trip Awaits New Hanoi Authorization." According to the article, Dick Gregory said he would cancel his proposed Christmas trip to Hanoi unless renewed approval was received from Hanoi within a week. The article said that Gregory returned to New York Friday, December 9, 1966, from London and that his proposed trip to Hanoi had been postponed by the North Vietnamese since American bombings in the Hanoi area posed a threat to his safety.

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☐ AIRGRAM ☒ CABLEGRAM ☐ RADIO ☐ TELETYPE

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URGENT 12-9-66

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 452

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

REBUCAB DECEMBER 5 LAST.

GREGORY LEFT TODAY ON TWA FLIGHT 701 AT 3 PM FOR NEW YORK.

[REDACTED]

AND A [REDACTED]

BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLEVELAND, U.S.

CITIZEN, AT AIRPORT AND [REDACTED] OVERHEARD

SAYING TO GREGORY "SEE YOU NEXT WEEK ON YOUR ONWARD JOURNEY."

THIS IMPLIES GREGORY MAY RETURN LONDON ON WAY TO NORTH VIETNAM.

RECEIVED: 4:37 PM MSE

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DEC 20 1966

CC-Mr Enlow

3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI (100-440423)

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DATE: (U) 12/19/66

FROM: Legat, London (157-99) (P) (U)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Referenced cable indicated that when subject left London Airport two individuals were at the airport to see him off, one well known to the Bureau, [redacted] and the other [redacted] according to

[redacted] appears to have accompanied GREGORY on his trip to the U.S. and is identified as born [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, traveling on U.S. Passport No. [redacted]

[redacted] further advised that both subject and [redacted] which is an address formerly used by [redacted] (U)

This matter is being followed by this office with [redacted] and any further information available will be immediately made known to the Bureau. (U)

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1 - Liaison (sent direct)  
1 - London  
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date 12-23-66  
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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRIP TO NORTH  
VIETNAM BY DICK GREGORY,  
EASTER, 1967  
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago are copies  
of LHM on above case. Confidential source referred to is

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unauthorized disclosure of information attributed to above  
source might impair his future effectiveness and such impairment  
could have an adverse effect on the national defense.

Dissemination is being made locally to Secret  
Service, 108th INTC Group, OSI, DIO and USA, SDNY.

Attempts will be made through informant coverage  
to obtain the specific information concerning travel plans of  
DICK GREGORY. When such information is received it will be  
furnished promptly to the Bureau for dissemination purposes.

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2-Chicago (157-347) (Encls. 2)  
1-New York (100-154780) (VIDEM)  
1-New York

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DATE OF REVIEW 1-10-87

Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

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ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 1-28-80 pml

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

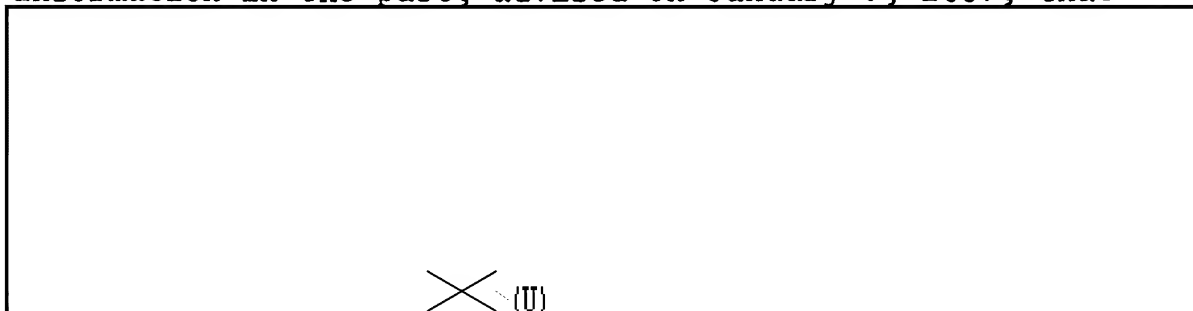
January 10, 1967

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Proposed Trip To North  
Vietnam By Dick Gregory,  
Easter, 1967  
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, advised on January 3, 1967, that



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The above confidential source had no further  
information to furnish at this time concerning Dick Gregory's  
proposed travel to North Vietnam. (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to GREGORY's recent conviction in Washington State and his current plans in the Chicago area.

The sources utilized in the enclosed letterhead memorandum are as follows: (C) (U)

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CG T-2

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 1-28-80 *gab.*

Probationary Racial Informant  
currently under development by  
the Chicago Office.

The sources furnished such information on the  
dates noted to SAs \_\_\_\_\_  
respectively. (C) (U)

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Chicago is following the situation closely and will furnished the Bureau with all pertinent details by subsequent communication.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Chicago, Illinois  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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The Chicago "Tribune" January 13, 1967, edition carried an article on page three, column four, datelined Olympia, Washington, revealing that Dick Gregory, the Chicago comedian and nationally known civil rights demonstrator had been sentenced to six months in jail with three months suspended sentence by the Washington State Courts. Such sentencing resulted from an indictment filed against Gregory charging him with violation of the State Fish Conservation laws when he participated in "fishing" demonstrations last year staged by Washington State Indians in support of their tribal fishing rights. 1 C L

Gregory was convicted with his wife, [REDACTED] GREGORY last month after a three-day jury trial in the Thurston County Superior Court. Gregory, who is currently free on \$1,000 bond, declared that he will appeal his conviction to the State Superior Court.

On January 13, 1967, Chicago T-1, a source who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory is scheduled to be the main speaker at a political rally supporting independent Negro candidates for aldermen January 18, 1967, at the Senate Theater, 3158 West Madison, Chicago, Illinois. It is also noted that Gregory has previously announced his intention to oppose incumbent Mayor Richard J. Daley in the upcoming Chicago mayoralty elections in April, 1967. (C) (U)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Chicago T-2, a source who has provided reliable information in the past, advised on January 13, 1967, that he had no information relating to Gregory's previously announced plans to travel to North Vietnam. Source noted Gregory has sought no assistance from local Negro organizations relative to such proposed trip and that the trip, in source's estimation, has not been enthusiastically received by civil rights leaders in the Chicago area. (S) (U)

On January 13, 1967, the above information was provided to the following individuals:

[REDACTED]  
113th MI Group  
Evanston, Illinois

[REDACTED]  
United States Secret Service  
Chicago, Illinois

A copy of this memorandum is being designated for the United States Attorney's Office, Chicago.

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Date: January 18, 1967

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To: Director, FBI  
 From: *SA* Seattle (157-511) (RUC)  
 Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
 OO: CG

ATTENTION:  
☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
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☐ Klan ☐ Organization

## Summary of Complaint:

Enclosed are eleven copies for the Bureau and two copies for Chicago of a LHM supplementing information in Seattle LHM under this caption dated December 5, 1966.

Copy of enclosure being made available locally by FD342 to United States Secret Service, United States Attorney, INTC, NISO, and OSI.

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Date Forw. *JAN 23 1967*  
**EX-113**

How Forw. *CS* **JAN 20 1967**  
**ICC RACIAL UNIT**

ACTION: UACB:

By *CAP/16*

- ☒ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA *Seattle*  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Seattle, Washington  
January 18, 1967

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Attached is a duplication of an article which appeared in the January 12, 1967 issue of the "Daily Olympian," a newspaper of general circulation published in Olympia, Washington.

The content of the attachment supplements information furnished in memoranda under this captioned dated January 5, 1966 and November 28, 1966.

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# Dick Gregory — Gets 6 Months

## Wife Lillian Draws 30 Days, All Suspended

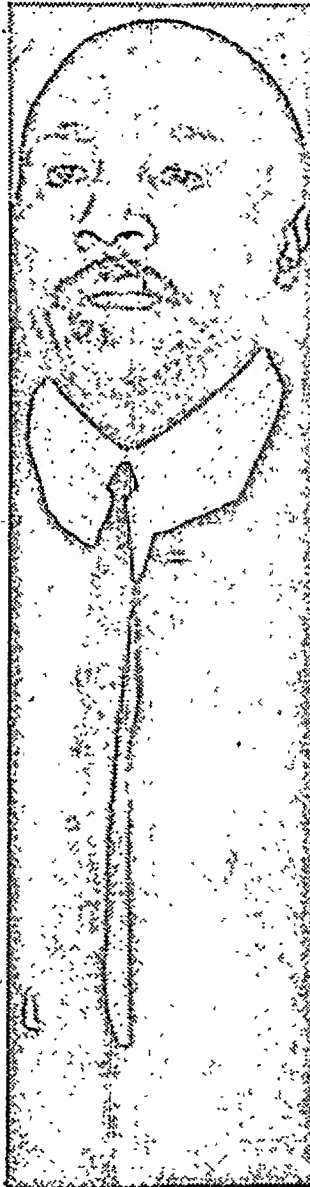
Negro entertainer Dick Gregory and his wife, Lillian, were sentenced Thursday morning in Thurston County Superior Court to jail terms for their participation in illegal fish-ins on the Nisqually River last February. Judge Hewitt Henry prescribed six months in jail for Gregory, and 30-days for Mrs. Gregory. He assessed court costs of \$19.20.

Judge Henry suspended all of Mrs. Gregory's jail term, and suspended 90 days of Gregory's term.

No sooner had Judge Henry read the sentence than Jack Tanner, the Gregorys' lawyer, announced that he would appeal the case to the State Supreme Court. The Gregorys will remain free on bond.

The Gregorys had been free on a total of \$5,000 bond since their Superior Court conviction last November 30 on charges of illegal gillnet fishing. Following the conviction, Gregory drew national attention when he announced his intention of going to North Vietnam to entertain American prisoners held there. The trip later was cancelled.

Currently, Gregory is heading his own campaign for mayor of Chicago. He said Thursday forenoon he would fly back directly to Chicago and, by Saturday, expects to be in New York to tape a television show under the direction of another entertainer, Harry Belafonte.



**DICK GREGORY**  
Back In Court

(Daily Olympian Photo)

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

PAGE 1

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☐ Being Investigated

Re: Dick Gregory

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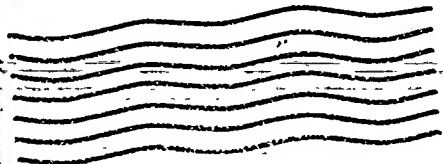
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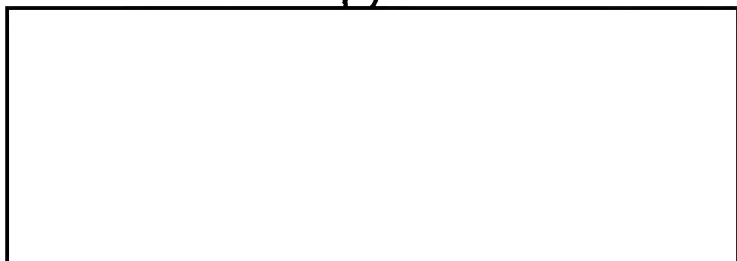
U.S. Attorney General Katzenbach  
Washington, D.C.



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all times — regardless  
of whether we agree with  
its policy. Too much is  
being said in a most  
disrespectful way.

Sincerely



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Jan. 25, 1967



Dear Sir:

Please run the tape  
of the Mike Douglas show  
that was shown at 4:30 P. M.  
Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> on WCKT-TV (ABC)

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Jan. 25, 1967

Dear Sirs:

Please run the tape of the Mike Douglas show that was shown at 4:30 P. M Jan. 20th on WCKT - TV (NBC) Miami.

Dick Gregory spoke of taking a bomb to the White House and also to Alabama.

The office of the President should be respected at all times -- regardless of whether we agree with its policy. Too much is being said in a most disrespectful way.

Sincerely

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February 6, 1967

[Redacted Address Block]

Delray Beach, Florida 33444

Dear [Redacted Name]

Your communication of January 25th to the Department of Justice was referred to this Bureau and was received on February 2nd. I want to thank you for furnishing this information and assure you the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles disclose no record identifiable with [Redacted Name]. Dick Gregory is the well-known Negro comedian who has been active in civil rights matters. A copy of the incoming forwarded to U. S. Secret Service by form referral of same date.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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for Atlanta two copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM)  
which sets forth information concerning the above  
captioned individual.

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(RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY)

1 - 100-438794

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Chicago, Illinois

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Source advised on March 10, 1967, that at a meeting of the Political Action Committee of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois which was held in Chicago, Illinois, on March 8, 1967, a discussion was held concerning Martin Luther King, Jr. Source stated that during this discussion it was indicated that at the present time there was a move underway to set up a National Peace Ticket for the 1968 Presidential election on which Martin Luther King would run for President of the United States. Source added that it was further indicated at the aforementioned meeting that to formulate plans for this National Peace Ticket, top leaders in the Negro movement from various areas of the United States are reportedly gathering in one of the southern states to discuss King's possible candidacy on the National Peace Ticket. However, according to source no additional details were mentioned with respect to the aforementioned matter. *ku*

Source further advised that it was further indicated at this CP of Illinois Political Action Committee meeting that elements of the right wing of the civil rights movement, not further described, are endeavoring at the present time to force Martin Luther King out of Chicago, Illinois, this summer. It was stated that it was believed that the Daley machine (Mayor Richard Daley) is behind this move inasmuch as Mayor Daley, supposedly,

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has been approached by several leaders of the Democratic National Convention Committee to locate a site for the 1968 Democratic National Convention and that these people, in effect, have given Mayor Daley some kind of message that if Chicago is to be another Watts (Los Angeles, California, 1965 Watts riot) they would not consider holding the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. Therefore, according to source, pressure is being exerted on Mayor Daley to see that this will not be the case. *Xu*

According to source, it was also indicated at this meeting that it was believed that President Lyndon Johnson is making his influence felt in pressuring Martin Luther King to stay out of Chicago because of King's connection with the National Peace Ticket. Source added that it was opined by several of those present at this meeting that exponents of the move to expel King from Chicago are offering King a five state "bread-basket campaign" as an enticement to leave Chicago. However, according to source, it was stated that King is not expected to accept this offer. *Xu*

Source also stated that it was commented at this Political Action Committee meeting that the civil rights movement, particularly the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations (CCCO) and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) are becoming convinced that the only way to effectively influence the political climate of Chicago is to organize along ward lines. It was added that King has been heard to state that he will tend to seek support in the future from the left element rather than, as in the past, be guided or influenced in policy making decisions from the right element. *Xu*

Source stated that in addition to the discussion surrounding Martin Luther King, a discussion was also held at this Political Action Committee meeting concerning the forthcoming Mayoral election in Chicago. In this respect a discussion was held concerning the CP, giving full support to Dick Gregory's independent write-in campaign for the office of Mayor in Chicago. According to source there was some question as to how the Party could effect this support, however, it was agreed by those present that the Party should issue a statement in support of Gregory's campaign. Source added that a subcommittee

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was set up consisting of four members to draw up a statement which would reflect CP support for Gregory's Mayoral campaign. *KU*

The source added that it was also considered at this meeting that the Party should try to inform Gregory to come up with some real issues in this campaign and that he, Gregory, should propose a definite program which would be attractive to the voters of Chicago. *KU*

The source has furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK

FROM CHICAGO (157-0) (157-347)

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL. RM.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM. (BUFILE: 100-440423)

CHICAGO SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED TODAY AS FOLLOWS:

POLITICAL RALLY FOR RICHARD GREGORY, WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FOR CHICAGO MAYOR, HELD CHICAGO MARCH FIFTEEN LAST, ATTENDANCE APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS.

GREGORY SPOKE AT RALLY SAYING HE IS TO JOIN POWELL MARCH SIXTEEN INSTANT AND ACCOMPANY POWELL TO NEW YORK WEEKEND MARCH EIGHTEEN-NINETEEN NEXT. GREGORY SAID IF POWELL ARRESTED AND CONFINED, GREGORY, WILL LEAD DEMONSTRATION NEW YORK AND "TURN TOWN OUT" TO SECURE POWELL'S RELEASE FROM JAIL.

GREGORY ADVISED POWELL TO ACCOMPANY GREGORY TO CHICAGO WEEK-END MARCH TWENTY FIVE - TWENTY SIX NEXT TO PARTICIPATE IN SERIES OF STREET RALLIES IN SUPPORT GREGORY'S CAMPAIGN FOR MAYOR. CHICAGO FOLLOWING.

USA, MILITARY, SECRET SERVICE ADVISED. NEW YORK ADVISE LOCAL AGENCIES. LHM FOLLOWS.

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March 23, 1967

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, offered \$25,000 reward in 1964 for information leading to the location of the bodies of the three civil rights workers murdered near Philadelphia, Mississippi. On 7-14-64, Gregory furnished the FBI a letter from [redacted] a former mental patient, b6 and a tape recording of an interview with b7c [redacted]

[redacted] advised FBI he obtained his information from the press. [redacted] information was identical to that previously furnished to the FBI and of no value.

Information furnished by Gregory was of no value and did not lead to the location of the bodies.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Enclosed for the Bureau are two (2) copies of a sheet captioned, "Qualifications - Dick Gregory."

It is noted that GREGORY is write-in candidate for mayor of Chicago.

On 3/17/67 [redacted] (PROB) furnished this literature which was obtained at GREGORY's campaign headquarters, 1251 West 63rd Street, Chicago. (C) (U)

In item 1 of this literature, GREGORY again makes claims of having furnished information to the FBI relative to locating the bodies of the three civil rights workers who were killed in Mississippi in the summer of 1964.

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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cc. Sullivan  
cc. Wills

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# Qualifications - Dick Gregory

Some people have raised the question of DICK GREGORY'S QUALIFICATIONS for Mayor of Chicago. To answer these questions, the Citizens Committee for the Election of Dick Gregory for Mayor have compiled the following list of accomplishments and qualifications of Mr. Gregory.

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1. Mr. Gregory has assembled a world-wide team of researchers. You may recall that Dick Gregory was the person who gave the F.B.I. the information as to where they could locate the bodies of the three Civil Rights workers who were killed in Mississippi in the summer of 1964.

2. Both President Johnson and the late President John Kennedy thought so much of Mr. Gregory's knowledge of social problems that they invited him to the White House.

3. Mr. Gregory's paper on Police Community Relations has been rated by the University of California at Kerkeley Department of Criminology as one of the most profound ever written in the history of criminology. As of 6 months ago over sixteen cities were using the paper as the basis for their police-community workshop.

4. Dick Gregory has been listed in Who's Who in the Midwest every year since 1960.

5. Dick Gregory has recently sold a book for \$20,000 to the religious department of Doubleday. Doubleday is the largest publisher of books in this country.

6. Bertrand Russell, the greatest living philosopher, has acclaimed Dick Gregory as one of the top philosophers of our time.

7. In two weeks time, Dick Gregory raised \$150,000 for Christmas for Mississippi in 1964. Mr. Gregory gave over 20,000 turkeys to the poor people in Mississippi that Christmas.

8. Without any organization of his own -- or anyone sending him money -- or without having a public relations firm of his own:

Dick Gregory has received honorable mention (In The Top Twenty.) in the Gallup Poll's Ten Most Admired Men.

The question asked by the Gallup Poll is "Who alive on the face of the earth do you admire the most?"

If Dick Gregory was not a resident of Chicago and the State of Illinois, no person from Chicago, or the State of Illinois would have been on the list.

9. Many authorities and scholars have considered Gregory's mind as one of the finest in the world, when it comes to awareness and solutions to the social problems of our time.

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR  
BLACK POWER (CCBP)

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Chicago 157-1465

Re Chicago telephone call 3/16/67, to Louisville.  
Chicago tel, 3/16/67, to Bureau, Louisville, and Atlanta,  
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RM" and "Cominfil - SCLC". Chicago tel, 3/16/67, to Bureau

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1 - 157-895 (HOSEA WILLIAMS)  
1 - 100-6812 (STOKELY CARMICHAEL)  
5 - Louisville (Enc. 5) (RM)  
1 - 157-40 (Open Housing Ordinance, Louisville, Kentucky)  
1 - 100- (COMINFIL - SCLC)  
1 - 157- (HOSEA WILLIAMS)  
4 - New York (RM) (Encl. 4)  
1 - 100- (ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, Jr.)  
1 - 157- (DICK GREGORY)

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and New York captioned RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY - RM.  
Chicago airtel and LHM, 3/15/67 under CCBP caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 14 copies of LHM  
pertaining to captioned matters.. Copies are designated  
for interested offices as indicated below.

Copies locally of this memorandum are being  
designated to the USA and Secret Service, Chicago, had  
to Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

The sources utilized in the enclosed are  
[redacted] (PROB),  
in the order of their use. *(u)*

Chicago is following and any additional pertinent  
data developed will be appropriately provided the Bureau and  
any interested office.

The character for the SCLC in the enclosed is  
being set forth as RM, rather than IS-C, as it is  
deemed more suitable to the nature of the contents.

Undesignated copies are being provided New York and  
Louisville for any additional local channelization desired.

- (u)*
- 1 - Springfield (Enc. 1) (RM) 157-534 (CCBP) (Info)
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    - 1 - 157-413
    - 1 - 100-35356 (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
    - 1 - A) [redacted]
    - 1 - A) [redacted]
    - 1 - 157-572 (DDJ)
    - 1 - 100-1297 (STOKELY CARMICHAEL)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Chicago, Illinois

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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105-16238  
157-1465

March 17, 1967

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER;

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
RACIAL MATTER;

COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR  
BLACK POWER (CCBP)  
RACIAL MATTER

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Reference is made to Chicago memorandum of March 10, 1967, under the caption, "Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Racial Matter," and "Demonstrations, Chicago Freedom Movement (CFM) - Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Chicago, Illinois, Racial Matter."

Reference additionally is made to Chicago memorandum of March 15, 1967, under the caption "Coordinating Council for Black Power (CCBP), Racial Matter."

On March 16, 1967, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided the following information: (u)

A political rally was held by Dick Gregory at his campaign headquarters, 1251 West 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, on the evening of March 15, 1967. Note that Gregory is a well-known Negro entertainer and civil rights activist who is a write-in candidate as an independent for the position of Mayor in Chicago in the April, 1967, mayoral elections. (u)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY;  
COMINGIL - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC);  
COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR  
BLACK POWER (CCBP)

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There were approximately 200 persons present at this meeting and most prominent among those present, aside from Gregory, was Hosea Williams, the Director of Voter Registrations and Political Education for the SCLC. Additionally, among those present were elements of the "black power" grouping in Chicago, commonly referred to as the CCBP. This grouping includes members of local militant civil rights type organizations such as Act, the Congress of Racial Equality, the Deacons of Defense and Justice, and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. One of those present, acting in the capacity of a bodyguard for Gregory, represented himself as a member of the Deacons. (u)

The main portion of the meeting was devoted to urging those present to support Gregory in his write-in campaign for Mayor, explaining the mechanics of this procedure and urging those present to attempt to solicit the support of all of their friends and acquaintances for Gregory's campaign. (u)

During remarks made by Gregory, he advised he was going to join Congressman Adam Clayton Powell on March 16, 1967. Over the weekend of March 18 and 19, 1967, he would accompany Powell to New York City and Gregory stated in this connection that if New York City authorities arrest Powell while in New York, he Gregory, would lead demonstrations there and "turn the town out" to secure Powell's release from confinement. He further stated that Congressman Powell is to accompany him to Chicago, Illinois, to participate in a series of political street-corner type rallies over the following weekend, March 25-26, 1967. (u)

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SCLC

CCBP

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Subsequent to Gregory's remarks, the evening's featured speaker was Hosea Williams, referred to previously. Williams stated that he had just arrived in Chicago from Louisville, Kentucky, where he has been participating in regular street demonstrations there. Williams stated that during one of the most recent demonstrations, some of the demonstrators, including himself, had been attacked and their clothing literally ripped off. (u)

Williams used this illustration to indicate how people in the movement must stop "sitting around" and must do whatever they can to get their freedom. He stated that it was all right for his mother to be a housemaid for a white woman, but he did not think the same was true for his daughter. Only when white women are serving as housemaids for Negroes in the future will it be all right for Negroes to do the same. He added that the thing that must be done in order to improve the lot of the Negro in this country is to topple the power structure. He proceeded in an emotional and fiery manner to remark that with the group present on this occasion he could go out and "tear up Chicago." (u)

Williams continued that during the course of Gregory's efforts to unseat Chicago's Mayor, Richard J. Daley, he could be killed at any time for so fighting the power structure. He advised that there was nothing the Negro could do as a practical matter to prevent this and it must be realized that the power structure, as presently constituted, is not simply going to give up and step aside. He urged that all Negroes should get insurance policies to provide for their families because if someone like Gregory gets killed, they had better be ready to start fighting so that everyone would know the Negro would not take such action lying down. (u)

He concluded his remarks by noting that he was flying back to Louisville on March 16, 1967, and would again participate in the demonstrations in progress there. He stated that he recognized he also could be killed at any time in connection with his civil rights activities, however, he knows that if this happens, someone else will step in and take his place in the movement. (u)

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During the course of the meeting, a representative of the "black power" group present advised the others in attendance that earlier on March 15, 1967, a delegation from Chicago, representing some fifteen different civil rights organizations, had gone to Springfield, Illinois, for the purpose of protesting to the Governor and the Legislature over the consideration currently being given there to the passage of a "stop and frisk bill." This individual stated that the delegation had not been successful in seeing the Governor, but had arranged a meeting with him on March 24, 1967, at the Governor's offices in Chicago at the Illinois State Building, 160 North La Salle. At this time the representative of the CCBP, as well as other allied civil rights groups locally, would present their protests concerning the dangers inherent in the stop and frisk law. It was also stated that petitions against the stop and frisk bill were being prepared by this group and would be available for public distribution by March 17, 1967. Gregory agreed to assist in getting signatures on these petitions. (u)

Pertinent portions of the above information, as provided by the first confidential source, were substantiated on March 16, 1967, by a second confidential source, who has also furnished reliable information in the past. (u)

Additionally, on March 17, 1967, this second confidential source advised that he had learned that it is hoped that when Congressman Adam Clayton Powell comes to Chicago over the weekend of March 25-26, 1967, he can be persuaded to remain for a political rally which is to be held by Gregory on the evening of March 27, 1967, at the Senate Theatre, 3128 West Madison Street, Chicago. This source advised that in addition to Powell, it is planned that Stokely Carmichael of SNCC will be present and will speak on behalf of Gregory's candidacy for Mayor at that time. (u)

Referenced memorandum of March 10, 1967, reflected information to the effect that an organizational type meeting was to be held March 14, 1967, at 3101 West Warren Avenue, Chicago, local headquarters of the SCLC. At this meeting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was to be present and the course of future civil rights activities in Chicago was to have been discussed. (u)

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SCLC

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In this connection, a third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 15, 1967, that the meeting of March 14, 1967, did not take place as planned, and Dr. King was not known to have been in Chicago on that date. It is anticipated that such a meeting will be forthcoming shortly, possibly on the next occasion when Dr. King is in Chicago, at which time also the future organization and composition of the local SCLC staff will be made known. It is known that Dr. King is to be in Chicago over the following weekend, March 25-26, 1967, in connection with an anti-Vietnam rally, and march which is to be held here on March 25, 1967. (u)

Pertinent portions of the above information, emanating from the Gregory rally on March 15, 1967, have been provided to the following: (u)

[redacted]  
Human Relations Unit, Chicago Police Department

[redacted]  
United States Secret Service, Chicago

[redacted]  
Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

A copy of this memorandum is being disseminated to Secret Service and the Office of the United States Attorney, both Chicago, Illinois, and to Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Descriptive data concerning the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc., is being attached to this memorandum.

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Date: 3/22/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: ADAM CLAYTON POWELL  
RM  
Chicago File 157-0-1743

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
Chicago File 157-347  
Bureau File 100-440423

Re Chicago teletype to Director and New York  
datd 3/21/67 captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York are two copies each of three clippings from Chicago area daily newspapers of March 22, 1967, relating to the cancellation of a previously scheduled campaign visit to Chicago by ADAM CLAYTON POWELL on behalf of DICK GREGORY, March 26, 1967. GREGORY, a Negro comedian and civil rights advocate, is an announced write-in candidate for mayor of Chicago.

Since no information has been developed indicating that such cancellation will precipitate demonstrations or violence in the Chicago area, no disseminations are being made at Chicago, nor are LHM's being submitted at this time.

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- ③ - Bureau (Encls. 6)  
2 - New York (157-1093) (DICK GREGORY) (Encls. 6)  
(1 - 100-22864) (ADAM CLAYTON POWELL)  
2 - Chicago

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# Powell Cancels Chicago Trip

Dick Gregory said Tuesday that Adam Clayton Powell has decided not to come to Chicago Sunday.

The former Harlem congressman had announced earlier this month that he would make an Easter visit here to campaign in support of Gregory's write-in candidacy for mayor.

Gregory, who returned from a flying trip to Powell's hideaway at Bimini in the Bahamas Monday night, said the controversial New York Democrat had changed his plans for political and legal reasons.

A Chicago visit at this time might not be good for Powell politically, Gregory declared, because Powell had canceled morning and afternoon campaign tours of Harlem last Sunday.

"Many Negroes were upset that he didn't come to New York and a trip here would look like he was turning his back on them," Gregory told a press conference, held at 1251 W. 63d.

Gregory said Powell's attorneys have advised him that he should stay out of the country until they solved his legal problems. Powell is un-

der citation in the New York courts for criminal contempt arising out of a 1963 slander suit for calling a Negro woman, Mrs. Esther James, a "bagwoman" — collector of graft—for the New York Police Department.

Gregory played for reporters a tape-recorded message which Powell made in Bimini, restating his endorsement of the Negro entertainer's candidacy.

Gregory said Powell will address a political rally here Sunday by long-distance telephone hookup. He said details of the rally were being ironed out.

Earlier in the day, Gregory

visited the City Hall offices of Sidney T. Holzman, chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners, to submit 11 requests centering around his write-in campaign.

He said he hoped to clear up any doubts about what rights a write-in candidate has in a municipal election.

Holzman said any that were already covered by existing statutes would be granted.

Gregory later addressed some 150 persons at a rally held in Bethel Lutheran Church, 130 N. Keeler. He urged that swimming pools and skating rinks be constructed next to police stations to improve police community relations.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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CHICAGO SUN TIMES  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

3-22-67

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At City Hall Tuesday, Sidney T. Holzman explains the rights of a write-in candidate to Dick Gregory and Ruby Burrows, campaign manager for Gregory's write-in entry into the mayoral race. (Sun-Times Photo by Bob Langer)

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... Adam  
Clayton Powell didn't make it to Harlem on Palm Sunday and he won't make it to Chicago on Easter Sunday, much to Dick Gregory's disappointment. But he promised to talk to a Gregory rally via a long-distance amplified telephone call from his sanctuary in the sun, Bimini. Powell is dispatching his aide, former Chicagoan Chuck Stone, here to help Gregory.

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CHICAGO SUN TIMES  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Author: IRV KUPCINET  
Editor: EMMETT DEDMON  
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# POWELL WON'T CAMPAIGN FOR DICK GREGORY

Comedian Dick Gregory, a write-in candidate for mayor, said yesterday that ousted Congressman Adam Clayton Powell has changed his mind about coming to Chicago to campaign for him.

Gregory said Powell decided that since he had canceled a campaign trip to New York where he is a candidate for his old seat in the house of representatives, he should not campaign in Chicago because it may hurt his political support in New York.

Earlier in the day, Gregory met with Sidney T. Holzman, chairman of the board of election commissioners, and submitted 11 requests to "help facilitate" his campaign. The board granted nine of them because they are already covered by statute, but it denied the other two because Gregory is not entitled to them as a write-in candidate. The two denied were for a list of judges of elections in 19 wards and for poll watcher credentials for his workers.

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Date: 3-22-67  
Edition: 3 STAR FINAL  
Author:  
Editor: W.D. MAXWELL  
Title:

DICK GREGORY

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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK

FROM CHICAGO /157-0/ /157-347/

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL. RM.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND NEW YORK MARCH SIXTEEN LAST.  
GREGORY HELD PRESS CONFERENCE THIS DATE AT ONE TWO FIVE ONE WEST  
SIXTYTHIRD STREET, CHICAGO, AND ANNOUNCED ADAM CLAYTON POWELL HAS  
DECIDED NOT TO COME TO CHICAGO MARCH TWENTYSIX NEXT TO CAMPAIGN IN  
SUPPORT OF GREGORY'S WRITE IN CANDIDACY FOR MAYOR OF CHICAGO. GREGORY  
STATED CHANGE IN PLANS DUE TO POLITICAL AND LEGAL REASONS. GREGORY  
CLAIMED MANY NEGROES WERE UPSET THAT POWELL DID NOT GO TO NEW YORK  
MARCH NINETEEN LAST AND TRIP TO CHICAGO WOULD LOOK LIKE POWELL WAS  
TURNING HIS BACK ON THEM. GREGORY PLAYED TAPE RECORDED MESSAGE FOR  
REPORTERS WHICH POWELL MADE IN BIMINI ENDORSING GREGORY'S CANDIDACY.

SECRET SERVICE, MILITARY AND USA ADVISED. LHM-FOLLOWS.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-New)

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF POLITICAL SPONSORSHIP  
OF INDIVIDUALS AGITATING WITHIN  
THE NEGRO GHETTO  
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[redacted]  
City of Chicago [redacted], has furnished  
information on a confidential basis to the Chicago Office in  
the past relative to racial and security matters coming to his  
attention.

[redacted] is [redacted] of Chicago and,  
as such, has as his main concern matters having a reflection  
on the Democratic Administration.

[redacted] confidentially advised as follows on  
3/28/67:

During the recent past, his office has been  
concerned with the activities of RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,

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① - 100-440423 (RICHARD GREGORY)  
3 - New York (RM)  
(1 - 157- ) (ALFRED DUCKETT)  
5 - Chicago  
(1 - [redacted])  
(1 - 157-347) (RICHARD GREGORY)  
(1 - 157-350) (POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE)

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who has throughout his stage career, which dates from the late 1950's, been an agitator against the administration locally and nationally concerning Negro matters. More recently, GREGORY has been campaigning as a write-in candidate for Mayor of Chicago.

GREGORY started his show business career as an entertainer at the Playboy Club, Chicago, in the late 1950's.

It is supposedly common knowledge in show business circles that GREGORY's salary and tab at the Playboy Club were picked up by [redacted] and [redacted] of the United American Insurance Company, described as a hedonist whose idea for success would be to have his name mentioned in a local celebrity column.

These funds were supposedly routed to [redacted] from the Republican Party through a public relations firm in New York City by the "Rockefeller interests".

At the present time, [redacted] has a source in the campaign office of GREGORY in Chicago.

GREGORY is known to make frequent trips to New York City, and on 3/24/67, a check was received by GREGORY in the amount of \$5,500.00, drawn on the Chase-Manhattan Bank in New York, maker unknown.

GREGORY was reportedly questioned by a friend relative to his destroying his stage career through involvement in civil rights and political activity and was overheard to comment that his future is taken care of in that he is eventually to handle political patronage in Chicago once the Republicans come into power.

GREGORY's campaign literature, such as signs, buttons and leaflets, is known to come to GREGORY from New York.

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Over the March 25, 1967, weekend, [ ] had a source, [ ] visit New York in an attempt to determine the source of GREGORY's backing from that area.

[ ] has been associated with Negro press in Chicago and is currently [ ] [ ] has previously been contacted by the Chicago Office concerning racial matters.)

[ ] visited [ ] office on 3/28/67, and reported relative to his New York trip.

[ ] did not determine the source of GREGORY's New York support, noting that contacts were difficult due to it being the Easter weekend.

[ ] did contact ALFRED DUCKETT, recently named Executive Director of the Uptown Chamber of Commerce, 125th Street and about 7th Avenue. DUCKETT has long been affiliated with the Associated Negro Press, has served as a Public Relations Consultant to ROCKEFELLER on Negro matters, and is well informed concerning the Negro community.

[ ] did not question DUCKETT directly concerning GREGORY's New York backing; however, in general terms concerning racial tensions, DUCKETT indicated there was considerable concern over the possibility of racial violence erupting in Harlem had ADAM CLAYTON POWELL visited Harlem on March 18-19, 1967, as announced.

[ ] did determine that when in New York, GREGORY is known to frequent Frank's Restaurant, 315 West 125th Street, and Big Wilt's Small Paradise, 2249 - 7th Avenue.

[ ] plans to visit New York in the future and expand his contact with DUCKETT and others, using as a basis for being there his association with the Negro press.

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? [ ] substantiated prior remarks by [ ]  
that GREGORY's initial show career at the Playboy Club was  
commonly acknowledged to have been paid for by eastern interests  
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[ ] additionally advised as follows: b7D

Within the past two weeks, [ ]  
who was [ ] for Republican Senator  
CHARLES PERCY, was observed in his chauffeur-driven limousine  
picking up [ ] b6  
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The [ ] family has controlling interests in  
the Victor Comptometer Company, which interest is valued  
in excess of 250 million dollars. [ ] is considered  
part of the "brain trust" of the PERCY political organization  
and would be a likely candidate for a high cabinet position  
in the event PERCY were elected President of the United States. b6  
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[ ] has been the National and Local  
Chairman of the Militant Negro civil rights group ACT since  
its inception. b6  
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? (Chicago sources have advised that in recent weeks  
[ ] has devoted himself entirely to the support of in-  
dependent candidates for the position of Chicago City Alderman  
and the former ACT office in Chicago is being closed. ACT  
in Chicago is now operating out of the Garfield Organization  
Office at 9 North Keeler, which is [ ] by [ ]  
Attorney, former [ ] b6  
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[ ] Also operating from this office, are the Deacons  
of Defense and Justice.)

[ ] advised that GREGORY is known to have  
made at least one contribution to [ ] in the amount of  
\$3,000.00. b6  
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[ ] also advised that PERCY's Washington Office is in periodic contact with GREGORY's campaign headquarters in Chicago.

[ ] suggests that the "poor boy" campaign being run by GREGORY in Chicago is just a cover for the money interests promoting him, noting that GREGORY recently received wide press coverage when the Illinois Bell Telephone Company disconnected one of his personal phones for non-payment of his bill amounting to some \$3,000.00.

[ ] notes that five states have been the key to recent national elections; namely, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois and California. The key votes in these area have been from cities such as Chicago, where the Republican Party has no effective organization and must look forward to the destruction of the Democratic Party organization before they can become effective.

In furnishing the above information, [ ] noted that the Democratic Administration obviously has a great personal interest in maintaining its position; however, there appear to be increasing indications that militant Negro agitators are being used by the high ranks of the Republican Party to, at the very least, sow the seeds of discontent which grow into out-and-out violence in the Negro Ghetto. Further, that there is a strong suggestion that GREGORY has been used as a pawn in a long range program toward this end from the inception of his career.

In this same vein, [ ] notes that MARTIN LUTHER KING has again stated he has as his intentions leading marches into racially tense white communities, such as Cicero, Illinois, so that feelings which have been controlled or suppressed in these communities can be surfaced and dealt with no matter what the consequences.

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[ ] suggests that if agitators can create a violent situation within the Negro Ghetto and KING can create a violent situation within the neighboring white communities, utter chaos can result.

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No dissemination is being made of the above information and no investigation will be instituted without the specific instruction of the Bureau, and no sources will be directed specifically in this area.

No pertinent information appears in Chicago files relative to this matter concerning [ ] of [ ]

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Chicago report of FRANK F. STAAB, dated 11/19/42, captioned [ ] IS-G, CUSTODIAL DETENTION (Chicago file 100-5408) pertains to an investigation of the father of the [ ] mentioned above relative to his association with the German-American Bund and retarding production in national defense contracts.

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Chicago will continue liaison with [ ] and during contact with all other sources in connection with racial matters, will be alert to information concerning individuals or organizations reportedly contributing funds or giving direction to individuals such as GREGORY.

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It is suggested that New York consider interview of [ ] as a source in racial matters in view of his position as [ ] and his knowledge of the Negro community.

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In the event [ ] is interviewed, no reference should be made to his contact by [ ] or the above information; however, it should be noted that in view of [ ] affiliation with the [ ] he would have knowledge of racial situations throughout the United States and could logically be questioned concerning the situation in Chicago and other areas of the country,

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The Bureau will be advised of any additional information received by the Chicago Office concerning this situation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-440423)

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DATE: (U) 4/26/67

FROM : Legat, London (157-99) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
Dick Gregory (U)  
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INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Lonlet 12/19/66.

[redacted] by letter dated 4/20/67 classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~, (U) advised that subject arrived at London Airport from Chicago on 4/13/67 with the intention of remaining until 4/30/67. The purpose was to engage in cabaret and television appearances. (U)

No security information has thus far come to the attention of [redacted] concerning subject. (U)

Since any information coming to the attention of [redacted] will be furnished this office this case is placed in RUC status. (U)

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1 - London  
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# Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 5/31/67

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (C)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 12/21/79 BY 2842

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

The captioned individual, a well known Negro comedian and civil rights advocate, is currently the subject of captioned case. GREGORY's recent activities have included his recent candidacy in the mayoral election, Chicago, Illinois, and participation in the civil rights activities which occurred in Louisville, Kentucky, relating to open housing legislation.

In view of information from Chicago sources not indicating any subversive activities by GREGORY and since all outstanding investigation in this case has been completed, this case is marked closed.

Chicago will continue to remain alert for any information relating to GREGORY's activities which would indicate any subversive affiliations and will promptly advise the Bureau of all pertinent details developed by subsequent communications.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

JUN 6 1967

TELETYPE

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FBI CHICAGO

1127 AM URGENT 6-6-67 PMG

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (C)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM, OO: CHICAGO.  
*RACIAL MATTER*

*POLICE DEPT.*  
CHICAGO *ED* SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL, NEGRO COMEDIAN, CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCATE, AND DEFEATED WRITE - IN CANDIDATE FOR CHICAGO MAYOR ARRESTED TWO FIFTY SEVEN AM INSTANT WITH [REDACTED], FEMALE, NEGRO, AGE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FOR VIOLATION OF PARK CURFEW AT WASHINGTON PARK, CHICAGO. NO OTHERS PRESENT AT TIME OF ARRESTS. BOTH RELEASED ON BOND. APPEARANCE SCHEDULED JUNE SIXTEEN NEXT IN BRANCH FORTY, MUNICIPAL COURT. GREGORY ADDITIONALLY CHARGED WITH LURID SPEECH.

CHICAGO INDICES REVEAL [REDACTED] NEGRO FEMALE, AGE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IDENTIFIED MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, BY [REDACTED] FROM "CHICAGO AMERICAN" NEWSPAPER ARTICLE AS [REDACTED] WASHINGTON, D.C. RECENTLY NAMED [REDACTED]

END PAGE ONE.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson	/
Mr. DeLoach	/
Mr. Mohr	/
Mr. Wick	/
Mr. Casper	/
Mr. Callahan	/
Mr. Conrad	/
Mr. Felt	/
Mr. Gale	/
Mr. Rosen	/
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Mr. Tavel	/
Mr. Trotter	/
Tele. Room	/
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Miss Gandy	/

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CAMPAIGN FOR MAYOR. [REDACTED] FURTHER DESCRIBED AS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FOR SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY ( D-MASS) AND FORMER  
[REDACTED] OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY  
(OEO). [REDACTED] RESIGNED OEO POSITION TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FOR GREGORY.

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ABOVE SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU. NO  
DISSEMINATION MADE AT CHICAGO AND NO <sup>LETTERHEAD MEMO</sup> LHM BEING SUBMITTED.  
CHICAGO ALERT TO POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS AS RESULT OF ARRESTS.  
BUT NO INFO AVAILABLE TO INDICATE SAME AT THIS TIME.  
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CC. MR. SULLIVAN

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC CHICAGO (157-347) (C)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
OO: Chicago

DATE: 6/28/67

Re Chicago teletype to Director captioned as above  
6/6/67.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of the official Chicago Police Department report relating to the arrest of RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY on June 6, 1967, for violation of the Chicago Park District park curfew.

GREGORY, as previously reported in the referenced teletype, was arrested on June 6, 1967, at 2:57 AM in the company of [redacted] when he refused to leave Washington Park after being twice warned by police that his presence was a violation of the park curfew.

In addition to the charge relating to violation of the curfew, GREGORY was also charged with using lewd language during an argument with police at the time of his arrest.

The enclosures hereinto attached are marked "obscene" and appropriately sealed since the police report contains a verbatim recital of the language used by GREGORY at the time of his arrest which resulted in the charge of lewd language.

[redacted], Chicago Police Department, Human Relations Section, advised on June 16, 1967, that comedian DICK GREGORY was fined \$100 on June 16, 1967, after pleading guilty to violating an 11:00 PM curfew in Washington Park and using abusive language to a policeman. Judge JOHN OUSKA directed the fine after GREGORY's attorney, [redacted] said GREGORY went to the park deliberately to violate the curfew feeling that it was unfair because no signs informed area residents about such restrictions.

The charges against [redacted] who was also arrested in Washington Park in the company of GREGORY, were dismissed by Judge JOHN OUSKA who said she was in the park acting

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as [redacted] instead of as a private citizen.

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Chicago will advise the Bureau of any additional pertinent developments relating to the matter by subsequent communication.

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2 nd District

6 June 1967

To: District Commander 2nd District

From: Officers [REDACTED]

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Subject Arrest of one: Dick Gregory and [REDACTED]

1. The reporting officers on stated date while on patrol found an unoccupied 1967 Plymouth parked in Washington Park in the parking lot off Payne Drive. Reporting officers found the occupants of the vehicle, after a search of the Park grounds sitting in the baseball bleachers in that area. The reporting officers notified the individuals that the Park was closed and asked these people to leave the Park. The male, now known as Dick Gregory stated "is that so." The Reporting officers again stated the fact and the couple arose, at approximately 0245 Hrs.

2. The reporting officers continued ~~in~~ patrol returned to the same location to find that Mr. Gregory and [REDACTED] had walked further into the Park area contrary to our statements. We again approached the couple and restated our previous words whereupon Mr. Gregory stated that he wouldn't leave the Park and told us that we were a "couple of silly Son of a Bitch's." We then informed the couple that because of auto thefts in the area and auto strippings that if they refused to leave we would have to tow the auto. Mr. Gregory responded, "You stupid Bastards can do anything you like." We returned to the auto as did the defend~~en~~ts whereupon Mr. Gregory continued to call us "Silly Cocksuckers" and thereupon was placed under arrest for 192-7 Low Language and 17-37 Violation of Park Curfew. [REDACTED] was arrested later.

3. The arrest was overseen by Cpt.  Arrest

reports and complaints were given and the defendants were processed and housed at the 2nd District Station.



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☐ Regular Request (Analytical Search)  
☐ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)  
☐ Subversive References Only  
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☐ Main \_\_\_\_\_ References Only

☐ Restricted to Locality of \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)  
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations

ref: date July - August only

Subject Dick Gregory

Birthdate & Place \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Localities

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## NUMEROUS REFERENCE

## SEARCH SLIP

Subj: Dick GregorySupervisor [redacted]Room 4230R#     Date 8-14Searcher etjInitial etjProd.     FILE NUMBERSERIAL105-138315-7006-6805 ep6-6836-6966105-168199-8157-6340-68

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Appx 250 other refs not  
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August 18, 1967

Summary

~~RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY~~

Captioned individual, who is also known as Dick Gregory, is the well-known comedian and civil rights leader. He was born on October 12, 1932, at St. Louis, Missouri. It is understood he dropped out of college in 1956 because of low grades. He subsequently worked for the United States Post Office in Chicago, Illinois, but was fired for impersonating colleagues and purposely misdirecting mail.

According to FBI files, Gregory has been described as a sympathizer of the black nationalist organization, Nation of Islam, and appeared with the late Malcolm X and attended the latter's funeral after his assassination. Gregory reportedly was one of the founders of the militant civil rights organization known as "ACT." He has been most active in many civil rights protest movements and claims to have been in jail 20 to 30 times in connection with those activities.

During the past several years Gregory has viciously attacked the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has made distorted statements concerning communists and the civil rights movement. He has claimed he furnished the FBI information leading to the solution of the case involving three murdered civil rights workers in Mississippi when actually his information was of no value. He also reportedly has made fantastic claims that the FBI Director and Texas oil man H. L. Hunt masterminded the assassination of former President Kennedy."

The FBI has conducted several investigations of alleged civil rights violations in which Gregory was the victim, claiming police brutality and discrimination. Reports of all our inquiries have been furnished the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

NOTE: Per request of Mrs. Mildred Stegall, White House Staff.

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Richard Claxton Gregory

Several individuals, including prominent Negroes in the civil rights movement, have made statements questioning the mental stability of Gregory. In April, 1966, in connection with racial demonstrations in Gary, Indiana, he is reported to have stated that if churches did not cooperate in making space available for Freedom Day classes, racial demonstrators should "kick down the doors of the church." (100-440423-41)

In December, 1966, it is understood that Gregory unsuccessfully attempted to travel to North Vietnam with [redacted] [redacted] to allegedly entertain American prisoners of war. He is reported to have stated that the North Vietnamese could [redacted] if they suspected duplicity on his part in connection with his intended travel.

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In the past two to three years Gregory reportedly has participated in several public demonstrations which were critical of American participation in the Vietnam conflict(100-440423)

Attached is a copy of FBI Identification Record Number 796 519 E which may be identical with captioned individual.

Enclosure

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August 18, 1967

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

Reference is made to your name check request  
regarding [redacted] and twelve other individuals.

Attached are separate memoranda regarding each  
of the following individuals:

[redacted]  
Dr. Carlton Goodlett  
Richard Claxton Gregory  
Fannie Lou Hamer  
Archie Hargraves  
Dr. John Holloman

[redacted]  
Floyd B. McKissick

Dr. George A. Wiley

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This letter of transmittal can be declassified when it  
is detached from the enclosures bearing a classification.

A copy of this communication has not been sent to the  
Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct) - Encs.  
1 - Mr. Gale (sent direct) - Encs.  
1 - Mr. Rosen (sent direct) - Encs.

Enclosures (19)

NOTE: This letter is classified "Secret" as it contains enclosure  
bearing this classification. ~~SECRET~~

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Delivered to Mildred Stegall  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2153)

SUBJECT: RABBLE ROUSER INDEX  
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL)

DATE: 8/18/67

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*OK for RRI*  
*WRC*  
*JRB*

Re SAC letter 67-47, Section B, dated 8/4/67.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five (5) copies each (total 25) of separate write-ups on each of the following five individuals who are recommended for inclusion in captioned index:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
JAMES LUTHER BEVEL

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DATE 1/15/80 BY BTB/lcb/mbf

Chicago will await Bureau action on individuals recommended for inclusion in the RRI and thereafter handle in accordance with instructions in referenced communication.

- 7 - Bureau (Encl. 25) (RM)
- 1 - 100-440423 (RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY)
  - 1 - 100-445914 (JAMES LUTHER BEVEL)
  - 1 - 100-3731
  - 1 - 157-1188
  - 1 - [redacted]
- 6 - Chicago
- 1 - 157-347 (RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY)
  - 1 - 157-830 (JAMES LUTHER BEVEL)
  - 1 - 100-522
  - 1 - 105-13900
  - 1 - 100-41899

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SUBJECT Enble Kram-Felap

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42-117455

RABBLE ROUSER INDEX

NAME RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

SEX Male

RACE Negro

NATIONALITY

American

ALIASES DICK GREGORY

APPROVED

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH

October 12, 1932, at St. Louis, Missouri

ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION GREGORY is a "Maverick", not belonging to any specific civil rights group. He has, however, actively supported nearly all nationally known civil rights organizations.

POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

DESCRIPTION

<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>HAIR</u>	<u>EYES</u>	<u>DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS</u>
5'10"	173 pounds	Black	Brown	Wears mustache

FBI # 796519E

OTHER IDENT #

Chicago PD - IR 104815

RESIDENCE

BUSINESS ADDRESS

1451 East 55th Street, Apt. 929  
Chicago, Illinois  
Telephone Number 312-324-6583 (unlisted)

SUCCINCT RESUME OF ACTIVITIES: GREGORY, an Entertainer-Comedian, has been arrested on numerous occasions in the past several years during the course of civil rights demonstrations, sit-ins and related incidents in which he has been a central figure. More recently GREGORY has become a violent critic of the United States' Vietnam policies. In a recent speech in Atlanta, GREGORY urged his audience to "Paralyze the economy of this country" in order to stop the Vietnam fighting.

BU FILE # 100-440423-05  
FIELD OFFICE FILE # 157-347  
SUBMITTING OFFICE CHICAGO

(5) - Bureau  
2 - Chicago (1 - 157-347)  
(1 - 157-2153) (RRI)

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Date: *October 3, 1967*Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

OO: CHICAGO

The following itinerary for RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as DICK GREGORY, setting forth GREGORY's travel plans for period covering 10/2/67 through 10/13/67, was obtained from [redacted] (protect identity), [redacted] American Airlines, O'Hare Field, Chicago. On 10/2/67 [redacted] advised that this itinerary was obtained from the American Airlines Sabere Computer:

1. Delta Flight 579  
10/2/67  
Chicago - St. Louis  
Depart 7:10 a.m.  
Arrive 8:05 a.m.

- ③ - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Buffalo (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Butte (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Denver (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Detroit (Info) (RM)
- 1 - El Paso (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Kansas City (Info) (AMSD) (RM)
- 1 - Milwaukee (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Newark (Info) (RM)
- 1 - New York (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Philadelphia (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Seattle (Info) (RM)
- 1 - St. Louis (Info) (AMSD) (RM)
- 1 - Minneapolis (Info) (AMSD) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago  
(1-157-413)

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C. C. Bishop

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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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2. Ozark Airlines Flight 102  
10/2/67  
St. Louis - Columbia, Missouri  
Depart 8:45 a.m.  
Arrive 9:35 a.m.
3. Ozark Airlines Flight 304  
10/2/67  
Columbia, Missouri - Kansas City, Missouri  
Depart 5:30 p.m.  
Arrive 6:20 p.m.
4. Arrival Unknown
5. Central Airlines Flight 96  
10/3/67  
Wichita - Topeka  
Depart 7:37 a.m.  
Arrive 8:32 a.m.
6. Central Airlines Flight 96  
Topeka to Kansas City  
10/3/67  
Depart 8:39 a.m.  
Arrive 9:06 a.m.
7. Braniff Flight 146  
10/4/67  
Kansas City - Minneapolis  
Depart 11:40 a.m.  
Arrive 1:38 p.m.
8. Northwest Airlines Flight 109  
10/4/67  
Minneapolis - Mazoola, Montana  
Depart 3:45 p.m.  
Arrive 8:29 p.m.
9. Northwest Airlines Flight 103  
10/5/67  
Mazoola - Spokane  
Depart 10:55 a.m.  
Arrive 10:37 a.m.

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10. Northwest Airlines Flight 28  
10/5/67  
Spokane - Detroit  
Depart 12:15 p.m.  
Arrive 7:55 p.m.
11. United Air Lines Flight 600  
10/6/67  
Detroit to LaGuardia  
Depart 8:15 a.m.  
Arrive 9:35 a.m.
12. American Airlines Flight 433  
10/9/67  
LaGuardia to Rochester  
Depart 3:30 p.m.  
Arrive 4:30 p.m.
13. Mohawk Airlines Flight 378  
10/10/67  
Rochester to Buffalo  
Depart 9:20 a.m.  
Arrive 9:45 a.m.
14. Mohawk Airlines Flight 14  
10/10/67  
Buffalo to Elmira, New York  
Depart 10:20 a.m.  
Arrive 10:50 a.m.
15. Mohawk Airlines Flight 348.  
10/10/67  
Elmira to Philadelphia  
Depart 8:05 p.m.  
Arrive 9:04 p.m.
16. Allegany Airlines Flight 917  
10/11/67  
Philadelphia to Newark  
Depart 4:04 p.m.  
Arrive 4:33 p.m.
17. United Air Lines Flight 321  
10/12/67  
LaGuardia to Denver  
Depart 12:00 p.m.  
Arrive 4:14 p.m.

CG 157-347

18. Continental Airlines Flight 125  
10/13/67  
Denver to El Paso  
Depart 11:00 a.m.  
Arrive 1:00 p.m.

The above information is being furnished to the appropriate offices for information purposes. It is noted that GREGORY is a Negro comedian and a civil rights activist who has engaged in civil rights demonstrations in many areas throughout the United States. In recent weeks he has been active in leading open housing demonstrations in Milwaukee. GREGORY has been placed on the Rable Rouser Index in the Chicago Office.

All offices should remain alert to militant type civil rights activities by GREGORY and report any information of this nature developed to the Chicago Division.

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## OUTGOING TELEGRAM Department of State

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FBI

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Dick Gregory  
1451 E 55 St  
Chicago, Illinois

Referring to your telegram of December 2, 1966,  
to

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I would like to call your attention to section 51.74 of  
the regulations of the Department of State in Volume 31  
of the Federal Register page 13544.

Philip B. Heymann  
Acting Administrator  
Bureau of Security and  
Consular Affairs  
Dept of State

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SCA - Mr. Heymann

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#### 51.74 VIOLATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS

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SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY

(See Correlation Summaries dated 10/19/64, 11/5/65 and 12/5/66,  
filed as 100-440423-16,51,103, respectively)

Main File No: 100-440423

Date: 10/12/67

See also: 44-22002  
44-24630  
44-29468  
56-3912  
173-694  
173-2601

Subject: Richard Claxton Gregory

Date Searched: 3/21/67

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched  
and identical references were found as:

Richard Claxton Gregory/  
Dick Gregory/  
Dick C. Gregory/  
Dick Claxton Gregory/

R. C. Gregory/  
R. C. Dick Gregory/  
Richard Gregory/  
Dick Gregory/

Summary

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of  
all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names  
and aliases listed above. All references under the above names  
containing data identical with the subject have been included except  
any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES  
NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

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GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION. IT IS DESIGNED TO  
FURNISH A SYNOPSIS OF THE INFORMATION SET OUT IN EACH REFERENCE, AND  
IN MANY CASES THE ORIGINAL SERIAL WILL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION IN  
MORE DETAIL.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Richard Claxton Gregory can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary.

CORE.....Congress of Racial Equality

ECLC.....Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

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[redacted] advised that on 3/14/64, a meeting of what was then called the Coordinating Council of Civil Rights Organizations in Chester, received wide publicity as a result of Malcolm X's appearance. Dick Gregory was among those who attended the meeting.

Malcolm X was described in this serial as the militant Muslim leader.

Police Commissioner Howard R. Leary, Philadelphia, Pa., PD, advised that on 8/27/64, six or eight Muslims, (not identified) held a meeting at the Jamaica Motel, Atlantic City, N.J., regarding plans to

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create trouble in Philadelphia. [redacted] and Dick Gregory were [redacted]

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Capt. [redacted], Philadelphia, Pa., PD, furnished their records concerning the racial disturbances in Philadelphia, 8/28-31/64. On 8/28, Officer [redacted] investigated a traffic tie-up at 22nd St., and Columbia Ave. and arrested a woman who was blocking traffic. This incident lead to the riot. On the second day of the rioting Gregory came to Philadelphia and moved throughout the riot area and attempted to quiet the people. Both [redacted] and Gregory praised the action of the police in the early stages of the disturbance.

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[redacted] advised that on 6/28/65, [redacted] of the Youth for Jobs, attended a meeting which was held for the purpose of planning and making arrangements for the Dick Gregory benefit show. On 7/10/65, Gregory staged a benefit show at the Youth for Jobs Clubhouse, Oakland, Cal. [redacted] attended this show, which was held to raise money for paying the rent of the club house.

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The 10/8/65 edition of the "Chicago Maroon", University of <sup>Illinois</sup> Chicago student news publication, carried an article entitled "Teach-In to Protest War" which set out an up to date version of protest activities. Included was a rally for peace in Viet Nam to be held on 10/17/65 in the Little Theater of McCormick Place, Chicago. The rally, sponsored by the Chicago Peace Council, was to feature Dick Gregory.

On 10/17/65, a Special Agent attended the above described rally. Among the speakers was Dick Gregory, who in his speech attempted to tie in the peace movement protesting the war in Vietnam with the civil rights movement.

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[redacted] advised that a meeting of Unit #1 of the Anti-Communist Christian Association was held 12/6/65, at Bogalusa, La. At the meeting, [redacted] discussed the possibility that Dick Gregory

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was coming to Bogalusa with 300 CORE workers.

[redacted] was described as Klan leader in [redacted].

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[redacted] Trans World Airlines, O'Hara International Airport, Chicago, advised that on 12/31/65 at Chicago, Dick Gregory purchased a ticket for transportation from NYC to Mexico City, Mexico, for [redacted] a newspaper reporter of The "Philadelphia Tribune, "Philadelphia, Pa.

This serial revealed that [redacted] accompanied by [redacted] [redacted] also a newspaper reporter, planned to continue from Mexico City to Cuba to cover a Communist Conference, and then possibly on to Red China.

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[redacted] advised that by [redacted]

[redacted] Richard Sterling Fraser [redacted] urged that they prepare the entire SWP for all out support of Dick Gregory, who was campaigning for mayor of Chicago. Fraser stated that since the Watts riot in Los Angeles, Gregory had become increasingly radical and uncompromising and that the campaign could provide a likely foundation for the realization of Trotsky's prediction that the militant Negroes would become the vanguard of the working class.

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The Washington Capital News Service dated 4/6/66 reported that on that date, at a news conference held at O'Hara International Airport, Chicago, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., stated that Dick Gregory was his friend and that he had worked with him many times. However, Dr. King fell short of endorsing Gregory in his campaign for Mayor of Chicago, against Mayor Richard J. Daley.

100-438794-A Washington Capital News  
(4) Service 4/6/66

"Muhammad Speaks,"\*dated 4/15/66, page 9, contained an article captioned "Black Defense Unit Describes Hellish Origin." This article indicated that Charles R. Sims, President and founder of the Deacons for Defense and Justice, and Rayan Burris, Vice President of the Deacons local chapter in Bogalusa, La., with four members of the Bogalusa, La. Voters League, Gayle Jenkins, Mary Williams, Sam Barnes, and A. Z. Young were visiting in Chicago to meet with Martin Luther King and Dick Gregory. This article stated that Sims and Burris were visiting Chicago on a fund raising drive.

Sims advised that the Deacons for Defense and Justice, was organized in Bogalusa to protect black citizens from night riders and other Ku Klux Klan terrorists and that other cities in the South had established independent chapters.

25-330971-A "Muhammad Speaks" 4/15/66  
(2) p.1,2

\* Publication of Nation of Islam (25-330971)

[redacted] advised that on 5/1/66, members of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware sold copies of "The Worker" at Town Hall, Philadelphia, where Dick Gregory was speaking under the auspices of the Philadelphia Housing Council of Delaware Valley.

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The 5/6/66 issue of "Chicago Sun-Times", page 1, contained an article entitled "Wounded Dawson Foe Doubts Politics Motive." The article stated that a press conference was held at Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, where Fred D. Hubbard, candidate as a Representative in Congress, was confined as a result of a gunshot in his shoulder by an unknown Negro male on 5/5/66. Dick Gregory, who participated in the press conference, reportedly launched a campaign to underwrite a \$10,000 reward for the apprehension of the gunman and had asked Hubbard's friends to push it to \$100,000.

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The "Chicago American" dated 5/9/66, contained an article captioned "Need US Law On Slums Here, Says King Aid". This article stated that Reverend Andrew Young, Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and top aid of Reverend Martin Luther King (100-106670), on a television panel show stated that his group would not endorse Dick Gregory in his planned race for mayor of Chicago.

Young explained that the SCLC does not endorse political candidates, and does not advocate a straight Negro ticket. He called Gregory "sincere" but expressed the belief "that sometimes he isn't sure of the avenues in which he wishes to express his sincerity."

100-106670-A "Chicago American"  
(3) 5/9/66

[redacted] (protect identity), advised that on 5/12/66 Dick Gregory appeared before the student sit-in demonstrators at a "teach-in" held in the Administration Building of the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. Gregory was well received and he urged all demonstrators to continue the demonstration as he considered their cause a just one.

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The serial indicated that the demonstration was sponsored by the Students For a Democratic Society in protest to the University's policy of cooperating with the Selective Service System by furnishing scholastic class ranking of male students who were eligible for the draft.



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On 5/5/66 Dick Gregory attended a meeting of the Veterans For Peace in Viet Nam held at Roosevelt University, Chicago. At the meeting Gregory gave a short speech on civil rights and related how he was against the war in Viet Nam. Also at this meeting arrangements for a 5/17/66 demonstration when President Lyndon B. Johnson would visit Chicago were discussed. [redacted]

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On 5/10/66 at a meeting of the Ad Hoc Arrangement Committee of the Chicago Peace Council held at Roosevelt University, Chicago, announcements were made in connection with a rally and demonstration

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planned for 5/17/66 on the Viet Nam issue when President Johnson was to be in Chicago. Representatives from various CP and peace groups were to assemble at Buckingham Fountain in Chicago where Dick Gregory and Rev. James Beval of the SCLC would address the group. [redacted]

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This serial set out information pertaining to the 5/17/66 demonstration and rally described above as observed by SAs, however no mention was made of Gregory.

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On [redacted] (protect identity) advised that [redacted] were contemplating, but had no concrete plans as to the time and date.

[redacted] to support their position. This organization had submitted a letter to the School Board requesting changes be made in the school system in order to integrate the school. The Board had refused the plea.

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On 5/24/66, [redacted] advised that he had arrived in Mexico City, Mexico via Braniff Airlines from Chicago on 4/7/66.

[redacted] Negro comedian Dick Gregory, [redacted] (not further described), held

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[redacted] stated that he [redacted] stated that he and Gregory [redacted] in the civil rights movement.

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The following references pertain to the New York Committee To Coordinate The Black March Against The White House Conference On Civil Rights, June 1-2, 1966, Washington, DC (NYCBM). These references set out information regarding the activities of Dick Gregory in connection

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with this organization. On 4/9/66, Gregory attended a meeting in Newark, NJ at which the Black March Against the White House Conference to Fulfill These Rights was organized. The group, which adopted the name NYCBM, discussed plans to stage a march and picketing demonstration on 6/1-2/66, at Washington, DC, to show opposition to the "White House Conference" because of lack of representation of the "Negro Ghettos" in large cities. On 6/1/66, Gregory was one of the speakers at a rally held at 10th and U Streets, N.W., Washington, DC. The demonstration set for 6/2/66 was cancelled.

Gregory was in contact with Jesse Gray, co-ordinator of the NYCBM, in connection with the aforementioned conference.

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[redacted] advised that comedian Dick Gregory was expected to appear in Los Angeles on 6/4/66 and give a free program at the Embassy Auditorium, 9th and Grand Ave., to help the campaigns of Carlton Goodlett for Governor of California and of Michael Hannon, Los Angeles PD officer, who was running for Congress.

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During a radio broadcast over WTOP, Channel 9, on 6/5/66, Drew Pearson (94-8-350) predicted comedian Dick Gregory would campaign for Governor Rockefeller in New York. In return Rockefeller would give Gregory \$30,000 and support him in his campaign for mayor of Chicago.

94-8-350-1382 p.1

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On 6/7/66 Chicago radio station WNUS broadcasted that on that date Dick Gregory was scheduled to depart for Memphis to visit James Meredith [redacted], who had been wounded. Subsequently Gregory would probably resume the march commenced by Meredith from Memphis to Jackson, Mississippi.

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[redacted] officer, Chicago PD, advised that on 6/7/66, Dick Gregory departed Chicago via Delta Air Lines, en route to Memphis, Tennessee.

The 6/7/66 Four Star Final Edition of the "Chicago Sun Times," carried an article which stated Gregory flew to Mississippi Tuesday "to take up James Meredith's march where he left off." The "Sun Times" quoted Gregory as stating, "I've never been more scared in my life, but somebody's got to do it and I guess I'm the guy"

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Correlator's Note: Meredith was shot on 6/6/66 while he was conducting a march from Memphis, Tenn., to Jackson, Miss., for the purpose of encouraging Negroes in Mississippi to vote.

[redacted] Inspector, Memphis PD, advised that Dick Gregory arrived at the hospital in Memphis, Tennessee on 6/7/66 and wanted to see James Howard Meredith, [redacted] but he was not permitted to enter Meredith's room. Gregory also wanted to hold a press conference at the hospital, but the hospital authorities would not allow a conference to be held in the hospital.

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The 6/10/66 issue of "Herald Examiner," Los Angeles, in Section A-8, described the National Conference For New Politics, as an organization whose plan appeared to be to raise campaign funds for "New Left" candidates and would involve enlisting the support of splintered and over-lapping movements against the war in Viet Nam and "civil rights in practical politics." The group would support the radical politicians running for office in the November, 1966, elections. The article further stated that Dick Gregory was a sponsor of the above organization.

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SI 62-110985-A "New York Times,"  
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The 6/13/66 issue of the "Gary Post Tribune," Gary, Ind., contained an article which stated that the Gary Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) scheduled a protest rally for 6/13/66, at St. John's Baptist Church, Gary, to protest the shooting of James Meredith and to commemorate the death of civil rights leader Medgar Evers, who was slain in Mississippi in 1963. The NAACP announced that Dick Gregory, comedian-civil rights leader, would attend and participate in the rally.

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Capt. [redacted] Gary, Indiana PD, advised that the above mentioned rally was held on 6/13/66 but Gregory failed to appear at the meeting. b6 b7C

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On 6/23/66, the NYC PD advised that it was rumored in the Harlem Section, NYC, an attempt would be made by the "Deacons" that week to shoot either Dick Gregory, Martin Luther King, Jr., or James H. Meredith. No further details.

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This reference is a Bureau memo dated 6/24/66 captioned "Memorial Motorcades For The Three Deceased Civil Rights Workers, Meridian and Philadelphia, Mississippi, June 19 through 21, 1966" (44-33292), which indicated that the march had ended in Philadelphia on that date. The Jackson office advised that Dick Gregory, [redacted] and four other individuals were enroute to Canton, Miss., where they were expected to arrive on the afternoon of 6/24/66. b6 b7C

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The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters", set out information regarding the activities of Dick Gregory in connection with demonstrations near Hernando, Miss., on 6/6/66, protesting the shooting of James Meredith, a law student as of June, 1966 at Columbia University, NYC. Meredith was marching from Memphis, Tenn., to Jackson, Miss., for the purpose of encouraging Negroes residing in Mississippi to exercise their right to register to vote. On 6/7/66, Gregory, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and others visited Meredith in the hospital at Memphis. After meeting with Meredith, Gregory, accompanied by seven Negroes (not further identified), proceeded to the scene where Meredith was shot. From that point they marched to Hernando. On 6/24/66, Meredith, Gregory and others left Memphis in a three car convoy headed for Canton, Miss., to continue the original "Meredith March." On 6/25/66, the marchers were entertained by Gregory and others, on the campus of Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi.

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On 6/29/66, a reliable source (not further identified) and Lt. [redacted] St. Louis, Mo., PD, advised that CORE applied for a parade permit that date in St. Louis. They expected to demonstrate against alleged job discrimination. They would be met by members of Action Committee to Improve Opportunities for Negroes, (ACTION) and demonstrate in protest of the jailing of Percy Green, leader of ACTION. b6 b7C

Informants stated that Dick Gregory, the entertainer, was expected to arrive in St. Louis that date. An attempt would be made to have him take part in the parade and demonstration.

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The 5/25/66 issue of the Cincinnati "Enquirer," Cincinnati, Ohio, page 34, contained an article captioned "Only One Parade - Ohio Welfare March Gets Watered Down". The article stated that irate welfare recipients had watered down original plans for a state-wide protest march on Ohio's capital city, Columbus, on 6/30/66. Entertainers Harry Belafonte and Dick Gregory had indicated that they would attempt to be on hand for the rally.

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On 7/4/66 former [redacted] made available an undated letter on the letterhead of the 49 Ward, Committee For Independent Political Action (CIPA). The letter stated that the 49th Ward, CIPA, was going to undertake a poll of the residents of the ward which would ask the question "Chicago ain't ready for reform! Well then how about a revolution?" The letter identified Dick Gregory as being active in the 49th Ward and one of the co-chairmen of the Convening Conference, CIPA. b7D b7E

The serial indicated that the 49th Ward, CIPA, appeared to be a subcommittee of the Committee For Independent Political Action (100-444877). The Convening Conference was held on 1/5/66 at McCormick Place, Chicago.



On 7/17/66, a group known as Youth Organizations United For Home Rule (YOU) held a rally at the Sylvan Theatre, Washington, DC. After [redacted] of the District of Columbia Young Democratic Club and Chairman of YOU, read telegrams in support of home rule in the District of Columbia, a delegation from Southwest Washington, DC, led by Dick Gregory, arrived and were greeted from the platform. Gregory also made a speech, which finalized the demonstration. (Source not clear [redacted] Washington, DC).

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[redacted] (PROB) (protect identity) advised that on 7/28/66 Dick Gregory spoke at a meeting sponsored by the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, held at the United Packinghouse Workers Hall, Chicago. Stokely Carmichael, [redacted] the main speaker, spoke on the term "black power," and why Negroes needed black power. Gregory, during his speech, read a writing which indicated injustices befalling Negroes today would be reversed and befall the white man one day soon.

[redacted] advised that Dick Gregory of Chicago was [redacted]

On 9/18/66, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (100-384660) sponsored an open discussion on the topic of Problems of the Selective Service, at the Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street NYC. The moderator of the program was Dick Gregory. The panelists were Eric Weinberger, Chairman of Liberation Committee for Africa;

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[redacted] Ralph DiGia of the War Resisters League; and Leonard Boudin, General Counsel of ECLC.

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Gregory concluded the program by stating that although they had not settled anything, they had talked about a number of problems, which was a beginning. He said the FBI agents with their "tapes" would be disappointed when they presented them "tomorrow" to J. Edgar Hoover.

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The 9/27/66, issue of the "Contra Costa Times," published in Walnut Creek, Cal., in an article on the demonstrations at Naval Weapons Station, Concord, Cal., stated that Dick Gregory dropped in at 170 Wellington, Clyde, Calif., on Sunday afternoon to lend support to the demonstrators. Gregory brought several bags of groceries. It was stated that the food was prepared at the house and taken to the marchers at the facility.

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In connection with racial disturbances at Bayview-Hunters Point and Fillmore areas, San Francisco, California, 9/27-10/2/66, the "San Francisco Chronicle" for 10/1/66, stated that Dick Gregory, comedian, Civil Rights leader, candidate for Mayor of Chicago, had nothing but praise for the way San Francisco handled its "model riot." The article noted that Gregory, during the disturbance, was appearing in a local night club.

The article stated that Gregory was particularly pleased by an appeal on 9/29/66, by the San Francisco Mayor which attacked discrimination in Labor Unions and everywhere else. Gregory singled out for special praise "the press as a whole, with its objective, calming reporting."

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[redacted] (protect identity), advised that on 10/11/66 the Berkeley Campus Chapter, Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), aka SDS University of California (UCB) Chapter, Berkeley, Calif.,

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distributed on the Berkeley Campus a copy of a letter sent by them to UCB [redacted] requesting the use of Sproul Hall steps, including sound amplification, for 10/29/66, to hold a mass, outdoor meeting entitled "Black Power and Its Challenges." The letter stated that the conference would include speeches, debates, small discussion groups, workshops, and distribution of educational materials. Invitations had been sent, and Dick Gregory was among those who agreed to attend. b6 b7C b7D b7E

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"Muhammad Speaks," dated 11/25/66, in an article on page 17, captioned "Gregory: Why I'm Running For Mayor Of Chicago," set out statistics and reasons quoted by Dick Gregory, an independent candidate for mayor of Chicago, as to why he was convinced he could control the balance of power in the mayoral election next year.

The article reported that Gregory and his wife Lillian had recently departed for London, England. Gregory was also quoted as saying he had been invited by his long time personal friend, Bertrand Russell (not further identified), to serve on the international tribunal which would try President Lyndon Johnson for war crimes in Viet Nam, but declined because of prior commitments.

25-330971-A "Muhammad Speaks"  
(2) 11/25/66 pgs. 1,2

Information was received on 12/1/66 that student demonstrators planned a Free Speech Anniversary with a gigantic rally on 12/2/66 in the Sproul Hall Plaza, University of California, Berkeley, California. Scheduled for the rally were nationally known entertainers Dick Gregory, Mort Sahl, and Jean Baez.

The demonstrators were protesting the presence of Navy and Marine recruiters in the Student Union Building of the University, according to an informative note attached to the serial. (No source)

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At the Annual Bill of Rights Dinner sponsored by the ECLC, held in the Americana Hotel, NYC, on 12/16/66, [redacted] a CP member and [redacted] of the ECLC, said that Dick Gregory would be legally represented by ECLC in his case against the State Department. (Not further identified) [redacted] also made an appeal for funds and outlined the objectives of the ECLC. [redacted]

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Sergeant [redacted], Inspectional Services Baltimore, Maryland PD, advised that on 1/16/67 Stokely Carmichael [redacted] spoke at the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Baltimore, at an affair sponsored by the Union for Jobs for Income Now (U-JOIN). Following Carmichael's speech, [redacted] of U-JOIN, introduced Dick Gregory. In his remarks, Gregory denounced President Johnson, and was critical of the way Adam Clayton Powell had been treated. He alleged that Powell was having difficulty in Congress because he was the only black Congressman that would stand up for the black people. [redacted]

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The serial indicated that U-JOIN was the Baltimore community action group of Students for a Democratic Society. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that on 1/12/67, Stokely Carmichael of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, (SNCC) (100-439190) spoke at the University of Chicago under auspices of the Student Government Association of the University. Following the meeting, Carmichael, along with [redacted] of SNCC, [redacted] local and National [redacted] of ACT, a civil rights organization, Dick Gregory, and a number of the Coordinating Council for Black Power (CCBP) participants, gathered at a Chicago west side lounge for an informal party, which lasted until about 2:A.M., 1/13/67. Gregory agreed to be the featured speaker at a CCBP rally to be held in Chicago on 1/18/67 at the Senate Theater as Carmichael stated he would be unable to attend this rally.

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On 1/24/67, Detective Lt. [redacted] Special Investigations Bureau, PD, Detroit, Mich., advised that in connection with the proposed nation-wide Negro strike on 2/13/67, in support of Representative Adam Clayton Powell, the United Strike Committee was the sponsoring group of the strike in Detroit. This Committee had indicated that Dick Gregory would appear in Detroit that date at 7625 Linwood Ave., at which location a general meeting would be held to organize the strike. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that Gregory was the principal speaker at the above mentioned meeting. During his speech he stated that he would be in Detroit the following day to help organize the strike activities set for 2/13/67. He urged that the people of Detroit boycott all schools, stores, newspapers and employment on 2/13/67. Informant advised that Gregory stated contacts had been made in Chicago, New York and Cleveland so that boycott activities would also take place in those cities on the same date. b7D b7E

[redacted] corroborated the information.

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American entertainer Dick Gregory's trip to North Vietnam was arranged in London, England by Ralph Schoenman, Director of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation; however, Gregory was wary of Schoenman and the International War Crimes Tribunal. [redacted] American [redacted] stated

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Schoenman's more friendly attitude toward [redacted] was due to the latter's relationship with SNCC and especially Gregory, whom Schoenman desperately wanted involved in the Tribunal. Schoenman would like to have Gregory support the Tribunal in the US and elsewhere.

It had been reported that Gregory was advised by Bertrand Russell that the North Vietnamese Government was willing to allow Gregory to come to Hanoi.

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On the afternoon of 2/13/67 a conference was held at the Central United Church of Christ, Detroit, by the USC, and in the evening they sponsored a mass rally at the Ford Auditorium, Detroit. Entertainment was provided at the rally by Gregory and other local Negro entertainers. Gregory also spoke and urged those in attendance to

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participate in a nationwide economic boycott scheduled for 3/23/67.

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[redacted] advised that all militant Civil Rights organizations, were planning to publicize and promote independent Negro aldermanic candidates in a number of West Side Negro wards. Informant stated that such political activity would culminate in a political rally scheduled for 2/27/67, at the Senate Theater, 3128 West Madison, Chicago, where final effort would be made to support such independent candidates in the 2/28/67 primary elections in Chicago.

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Informant advised that various nationally known Civil Rights leaders would be present at the rally on 2/27/67, including Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and Civil Rights advocate.

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The following reference on Dick Gregory located in files maintained in the Special File Room of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division, was reviewed and found to be identical with the subject of this summary; however, the information contained therein has not been included:

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To: Director, FBI (100-440423) ATTENTION:

From: SAC, KANSAS CITY (RUC) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.  
(157-649)Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 10/3/67.

Summary of Complaint:

Attached are 11 copies of self-explanatory LHM for the Bureau and 7 copies for Chicago.

No local dissemination is being made of this LHM by the Kansas City Division. Any appropriate dissemination should be considered by the Bureau and the Chicago Office.

It is noted that subject is on the Rabble-Rouser index of the Chicago Office.

ACTION: UACB:

- ☒ No further action being taken and
- ☒ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA
- ☐ LHM being submitted
- ☐ Report being submitted
- ☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
- ☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Approved: HKJ:ksw Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Kansas City, Missouri

October 9, 1967

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also  
known as Dick Gregory;  
RACIAL MATTERS

Following local Kansas City, Missouri, news publicity that Gregory would speak to students of the University of Missouri at Columbia, Missouri, on October 2, 1967, Detective [redacted] of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, personally covered Gregory's appearance in Columbia, Missouri, on October 2, 1967, and reported that coverage on October 4, 1967. Summary of [redacted] report follows:

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Gregory arrived 11:30 a.m., October 2, 1967, at the Columbia, Missouri, City Airport from St. Louis, Missouri. Gregory was met at the airport by about 35 persons composed of representatives of the local Columbia C.O.R.E., some members of the Students for a Democratic Society of the University of Missouri and a few Peace Torch Marathon marchers. The Peace Torch Marathon marchers handed a torch of peace to Gregory which Gregory carried to a university vehicle awaiting Gregory to transport Gregory to the university campus. Gregory told the Peace Torch marchers that he was against U. S. participation in the Vietnam war. Gregory said he endorsed the peace march and wished them well on their journey as Gregory got into the waiting vehicle. Gregory then traveled to the University Student Union where he lunched with several members of the Students for a Democratic Society. Following the luncheon, Gregory was escorted to Jesse Hall Auditorium on the university campus where he spoke to approximately 2000 students and faculty members. He was joined at the auditorium by [redacted] local C.O.R.E. [redacted] Columbia, Missouri. Gregory's opening remarks were humorous. He said all persons in the U. S. are racists, both black and white, and the U. S. was described by him as "the most racist country in the world". He said he was against the Vietnam war on moral grounds and did not believe in America's use of armed forces to dictate the way of life in a foreign country when Negroes must be protected and were not free in the U. S. He said he did not believe in either black or white men fighting an American war in Vietnam.

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Gregory said his pet peeve is civil rights legislation, open housing and things of that nature and that special legislation should not be necessary as the nation's constitution guarantees freedom for all persons. He upheld Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown as they are doing no more than the average young Negro feels like doing, except they are out in front expressing their feelings "loud and clear" about social injustice. He said non-violence is a privilege, not an obligation, and it is up to an individual, if struck or abused, to decide whether to use the privilege of retaliating or not retaliating. He said riots are a necessary evil so that people can hear the cries of an oppressed people against a despotic government. He said both black and white people in the U. S. are "sick", and the U. S. must do something to cure this sickness or the nation would be knocked to its knees. He said American youth can overcome social ills if they work at it, learning how to live, rather than being too busy with school learning to make a living. At the end of Gregory's remarks, he was greeted with a standing ovation.

An article in the Columbia Missourian, daily newspaper, Columbia, Missouri, in addition to the comments about Gregory's speech made by Detective [redacted] noted that Gregory defined Black Power as the opposite of White Power and an ability to change with force.

An article in the Kansas City Times, daily Kansas City, Missouri, newspaper, dated October 3, 1967, quoted from Gregory's speech at the University of Missouri, the "liberals got to understand that in today's civil rights movement, they are as worthless as the Pony Express", though "that's not saying we didn't need the Pony Express"; that the civil rights movement of today should tell the liberals to get out of the way as the movement is grown up. Gregory said anti-riot legislation is racist and open housing laws are ridiculous. Gregory said that if he had voted in the 1964 presidential election, he would have voted for Barry Goldwater since the only thing wrong with Goldwater was that he was honest.

Attached is a copy of an editorial in the Kansas City Times, October 4, 1967, concerning Gregory's speech at Columbia, Missouri.

Also attached is a copy of an article from the Kansas City Times, October 4, 1967, covering Gregory's appearance before about 2,500 students in Hoch Auditorium, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, on the night of October 3, 1967.

An article in The University Daily Kansan, University of Kansas newspaper, Lawrence, Kansas, dated October 4, 1967, reflects that following Gregory's appearance at the Hoch Auditorium he returned to Kansas City to enplane on an air flight to some other state, apparently for an appearance in connection with civil rights, possibly in Wisconsin or Minnesota.

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## INSIDE, DICK GREGORY KNOWS BETTER

**L**ITTLE good is served, we suspect, by attempting to engage in a battle of words with every racial extremist—Negro or white—who takes it upon himself to spew bile at a time when understanding, above all, is needed. When Rap Brown threatens shrilly to "get myself the bomb," it is a threat, however incendiary, that is recognizable as utter nonsense.

But the comment made on the University of Missouri campus this week by Dick Gregory, comedian and civil rights figure, needs challenging. "America," he told a crowd of more than 2,000 students and faculty members, "is the No. 1 racist country in the world." The charge is plainly, simply untrue. Gregory is an intelligent man and he knows it is not true.

Some of the other things he said, while not especially new or original, do have a measure of validity: That there is irony in Negro soldiers fighting in Asia to protect freedoms that they cannot fully enjoy at home; that the fabric of national life will be seriously damaged if racial intolerance is permitted to survive; that, to a degree, the civil rights movement has outgrown the help and control of white liberals who figured importantly in its beginning.

In each of these observations there is a seed—or more—of truth. But when Gregory declares the United States the most racist country on earth, he forfeits credibility. We almost hesitate to summon up the example of the Republic of South Africa, because in specifics the two situations are only remotely parallel. But the fact remains that in South Africa, the governing minority of whites is committed through official policy to ensuring the perpetual subjugation of an overwhelming majority of black people.

In the United States, a nation predominantly white in population is committed through official policy to securing and guaranteeing the rights of minorities, and specifically the rights of Negro Americans. That the national conscience was late in awakening, that the push for equality has laid open ugly veins of resistance, that progress has come faltering and, to the victims of bigotry, with cruel slowness—all this can be fairly charged. And we doubt that, among the thousands who crowded Jesse Hall auditorium Monday to hear Gregory, more than a handful would have disagreed.

But when Gregory says that the U. S. is the No. 1 racist country he is off-base. It is the kind of rhetoric that closes ears and turns off minds, thus depriving his other comments of the fair hearing they need and deserve. And for this reason it cannot be dismissed as a bit of harmless exaggeration.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

16B Kansas City Times

Kansas City, Mo.

Date: 10/4/67  
Edition: Morning  
Author:  
Editor: Richard B. Fowler  
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# GREGORY CALLS FOR RACE KEY

Comedian Says U. S. Will  
Die if Problem Is  
Not Solved

## BULLETIN

Lawrence, Kas.—Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, announced last night at a press conference at the University of Kansas that he will be a candidate for President of the United States on an independent ticket. His platform will be centered around civil rights.

(By The Star's Own Service)

Lawrence, Kas.—If the United States does not solve the racial crisis within the next three years, the country will cease to exist, Dick Gregory, Negro comedian warned K. U. students last night.

"Moral pollution is now greater than air pollution in the U. S. and most definitely will mean her death," he said.

Gregory admits that he offers only criticism and no solutions to racism.

"Most of you do not realize the passionate dislike much of the world has for this country," Gregory charged. He noted that Jim Ryun, K. U. world champion, was among the best American diplomats he has seen.

He said that Negroes have been so busy telling Americans what they want to hear that Negroes have not told them what they need to hear.

"We inherited our racist views but the sick, sick thing is that in 1967 we won't admit that a racial problem exists. If the problem were in any other country we would have no trouble solving it."

Negroes object to the Northern white liberal who participates in Southern demonstrations in an effort to help Southern Negroes when they "wouldn't take a nigger home with them in Kansas City, New York, Chicago or St. Louis," he said.

He said activities of well-meaning demonstrators actually encouraged violence from Negroes because the liberals were too slow in giving Negroes their rights.

"Nonviolence is not an obligation. It is a favor. Whenever a man is irritated it is his discretion to take that favor back."

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Kansas City, Mo.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: *JPR* SAC, EL PASO (157-176) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 10/3/67.

Enclosed herewith for AQ, who has not received the communication, is a xerox copy of the referenced communication.

The referenced communication on page 4 notes that the captioned subject is to arrive at El Paso, Texas, from Denver, Colorado, by Continental Airlines Flight #125, on 10/13/67, at 1 PM.

It is the recollection of the El Paso Office that the captioned subject, also known as DICK GREGORY, is to be the featured speaker at a lyceum to be held on the campus of New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico. There is no information indicating that he is scheduled to make any addresses in the El Paso Division.

It is to be noted that El Paso International Airport is located 34 miles from Las Cruces, N.M., and is the logical airport for GREGORY to utilize in his travels.

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Will advise whether El Paso's recollection in this matter is correct.

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Will furnish the Bureau, the office of origin, and appropriate offices any information developed regarding the captioned subject.

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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OO: Chicago

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Re El Paso airtel to Director, 10/10/67.

Subject scheduled to appear at Williams Gymnasium,  
New Mexico State University Campus, Las Cruces, New Mexico,  
at 8:00 PM, October 13, 1967, as a lecturer in the Lyceum  
Concert Series scheduled by the New Mexico State University  
primarily for New Mexico State University students.

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This lecture will be afforded appropriate coverage,  
and the Bureau will be kept informed of any developments.

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RACIAL MATTERS  
OO: CHICAGO

Re Albuquerque airtel to Director, 10/12/67.

Subject appeared at Williams Gymnasium, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on October 13, 1967, as scheduled, without incident.

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 FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (157-396)  
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 (OO: Chicago)

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 10/3/67.

On 10/23/67, DONALD HARE (NA), Chief of Police, Brockport, N. Y. PD, advised that GREGORY is scheduled to appear at a social function at the State University College at Brockport, on 10/28/67. HARE stated GREGORY's appearance will be to entertain rather than to make an address. He could furnish no further information.

LEADBUFFALOAT BROCKPORT, NEW YORK

Will remain alert to any militant type civil rights activities of GREGORY, and report any such matters.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 10/27/67

FROM : SAC, DENVER (100-9440) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Aka.

RM

OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel 10/3/67.

There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau 11 copies and for Chicago 4 copies of letterhead memorandum regarding the subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-9440

Denver, Colorado.  
October 27, 1967

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

There are attached hereto Xerox copies of clippings from the "Rocky Mountain News" issue of October 13, 1967, and the "DU Clarion" of October 17, 1967, regarding Gregory's appearance at the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, on October 12, 1967.

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ENCLOSURE

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# Comedian lectures on Negro violence

"Negroes have been the most violent people in this country for a long time. But now we're just aiming our violence at the System."

Comedian Dick Gregory delivered a lecture Thursday night at the Student Union concerning what he called "moral pollution."

PRESENTED BY the Speakers' Committee of the Student Senate, Gregory began by lampooning subjects from cigarette smoking to Lyndon Johnson, before reaching the heart of his speech on the Civil Rights movement.

Gregory referred to himself as "a vegetarian, a pacifist, and completely a follower of the non-violent doctrine."

"In my own stupid wisdom," he said, "I believe an animal is as important to Nature as me or you . . . I would never hit you. I would never kill you. Because you're Nature. That's my commitment to non-violence."

HOWEVER, the speech centered mostly on violence in the Civil Rights movement and the reasons for that violence.

Gregory, who has announced his intention to run for president on a peace and civil rights ticket, told his integrated, high-

ly receptive audience, that the key to the racial problem is honesty.

He feels that such leaders as President Johnson and Martin Luther King, Jr., have been dishonest and unrealistic in their approach to the problem.

"AMERICA IS the number one most racist country on the face of the earth. Negroes are racist, too," Gregory said. "Any time a Negro tells you he's not a racist, that's a racist statement. If he was born and raised in a country that has always been racist, a Negro can't NOT be a part of it."

Gregory described Stokeley Carmichael and Rap Brown as they were five years ago, committed to non-violence. He said that they were forced into violent action by "a country that permits these filthy things to go on and gives you the luxury of not knowing about it."

As an example of how non-violent demonstrators are forced to change, Gregory described an incident in a recent demonstration in which his cell-mate, drenched in blood from a head wound, began writing "Black Power" on the wall of a jail cell in his own blood.

"UNDERSTAND WHAT'S go-

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1 THE DU CLARION  
DENVER, COLORADO

Date: 10-17-67  
Edition: Vol. 72 # 9  
Author:  
Editor: Jerome Ryden

## Gregory challenges students to "undo what man has done"

*Continued from Page 1*

ing on," Gregory said. "We're going to solve this problem or there ain't gonna be nothin' left to solve. And that's not a threat. That's a promise."

Gregory passionately opposes the war in Vietnam. "If a democracy is as beautiful as these nuts tell us it is," he said, "why are we running all over the world trying to force it on everyone?"

Gregory's advice to his lis-

teners was to read the Declaration of Independence. "You are the most morally committed group of youngsters in the world," he said. "The day you make this republic work the way the Founding Fathers meant it to work, we can put down our guns."

The lecture ended with Gregory's statement that "It is a tremendous challenge and a simple task — to undo what man has done. Be honest with yourself. Understand better than we did."

# Gregory diagnoses nation's maladies

(Editors Note: Richard Nathan spent part of the afternoon with Dick Gregory after his arrival in Stapleton International Airport.)

by Richard Nathan

A human being who is seriously ill finds no stalemate in his predicament. Either he will recover or he will die. A nation that has become seriously ill faces the same dilemma. And as with the man, the cure may prove far more painful than the disease. But without the cure, the nation, too, will most certainly perish. A man dedicated to curing a nation arrived in Denver, Thursday, and found that his problem lies not in the cure, but in convincing the nation that it is ill.

Dick Gregory received none of the pomp normally accorded a Presidential aspirant when he arrived here on a late afternoon flight from Chicago. I noticed that the contingent of the interested at Stapleton consisted of five reporters, two photographers, two of his local black disciples, the official United Air Lines welcoming team, and an unofficial official threesome from DU. An extremely dignified and slightly graying representative of United boarded the plane and escorted Gregory out to his public. The first person to reach him was a young black man who moved quickly to Gregory's side, whispered briefly in his ear, and then vanished never to be seen again by this eye. I stepped forward, shared a quick handshake, and we started down the concourse to a press conference.

ALTHOUGH BOTHERED by reporters the entire distance to the site of the conference, he managed to get a quick topical

aside, "Hey, how did the Cards look today? All I heard was the score on the plane." To our mutual disappointment, I was not given the opportunity to answer.

He took part in a press conference in a room that his inquisitors managed to fill with an air of scorn and disapproval. But he handled the situation quite well and was particularly vocal on a few key issues.

He feels that the nomination of Stokes for mayor in Cleveland was essential to the Democratic party. "They had to have one black man in office in a major city to look good in '68. But it's good for America anyway."

He admitted to definite Communist infiltration and leadership in the civil rights movement and said, "Sure they're there. We don't want them, but it's whitey's problem to get them out."

Gregory deplored the mention of special civil rights legislation. "They wrote a Constitution in this country and if it's good enough for whitey then it's good enough for a nigger. We don't want anything special; just what whitey's got. And if we can't have it we'll see to it that he can't either."

Injecting a bit of comic relief, he replied to a standard interracial marriage question by commenting, "Now take that guy who got Rusk's daughter, why that's just mellow!"

It was mutual good-bye and good riddance for Gregory and the local press corps.

We drove over to his hotel and, in the time available before dinner, were able to spend a few minutes alone in his room. Ironically, we watched and

listened to David Brinkley's The conversation drifted to notation of Dick Gregory's absence in the Milwaukee march Wednesday night. I watched him thought of the decision to hold closely as he stared intently at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago next summer? He said, "You know that Father Groppi taking the lead. Mayor Daley kind of thinks he owns Chicago. Anything he says goes. He's telling everyone that there was no trouble there this summer. I can prove that at least 16 cops were killed on the South and West sides. And as for next summer, well what do you think is going to happen? It's just going to be one hell of a mess. But they asked for it."

I expressed a fear that the Father's days were numbered, but Gregory said, "If whitey gets Groppi, there will be fifty more to take his place." The statement sounded almost like a prayer, and I can't help but feel that it was a prayer.

Gregory attempts to negate the value of any particular individual in the civil rights struggle.

He turned to look out of the window and said, "You see that black brother come up to me at the airport? He said to me, 'Man we're sure sorry that we couldn't do anything for you here last summer. But we'll take care of it next year.' They better wake up around here because the brothers are going to make Denver another Watts."

Being a half hour late for his dinner engagement, we had to cut the conversation short but Gregory made two significant comments before we reached the car. First, he discussed his CIA watchdogs that are present every time he appears in public. He then mentioned the fact that the Government had prohibited the major wire services from carrying any dispatches regarding his activities and speeches.

Dick Gregory gives this Nation a maximum of three years existence in its present form. He hopes to abolish color lines and make this an issue of right versus wrong. If Dick Gregory left behind nothing else in Denver, he left the truth. Whether one chooses to believe him or not is up to the individual. "Man if they hear it and know it's true and still don't want it, why they just don't have to. But I hope they remember what I told them here."



(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# Dick Gregory Tells DU Audience U.S. Is 'Sick'

By RICHARD TUCKER  
Rocky Mountain News Writer

Dick Gregory blended biting sarcasm with anger and pathos Thursday night to carry the message of black power to a University of Denver audience.

The Negro comedian pleaded with the young people "to address yourselves to the moral pollution" the present generation has left them, but warned that they may not get a chance.

Gregory called America "a sick, immoral, mad, insane" nation and said it is the "No. 1 most racist country on the face of this Earth."

"If we are going to solve the problems that will bring this country to its knees in three years, we first have to be honest," he said.

"Racism extends to Negroes as well as whites, Gregory said.

## It Was Here

"Any time a Negro tells you he's not a racist, that's a racist statement," Gregory said. "None of us should feel guilty about this because it was here when we got here."

A veteran of Mississippi and Alabama freedom marches, Gregory said Stokeley Carmichael and H. Rap Brown were spawned in those days of non-violent civil rights demonstrations.

He said Carmichael and Brown were preaching non-violence to civil rights workers in those days and had to stand by while young Negro school children were man-handled.

Using his entertainment back-

ground to the fullest, Gregory built a high degree of emotionalism as he described the frustrations of people like Brown and Carmichael.

"Now you've got a monster on your hands because you live in a country where this vicious stuff goes on and permits you to know nothing about it," he declared.

A pacifist, Gregory laid much of the blame for riots of today on the war in Vietnam.

"Hell, I don't think white boys ought to go to Vietnam," said Gregory as he answered if he thinks Negroes should fight in the Southeast Asian war.

## Force It

"A nation this sick will never survive," he said. "If our system is so damn good, why are we trying to force it down Vietnamese throats with guns?"

He pleaded with his young audience "to make democracy work the way it should work" and said all the Negroes want are the guarantees of the U.S. Constitution.

Declaring the government should fully enforce the guarantees by sending violators to jail, Gregory said "I'd rather have full jails than burned-out towns, but it's going to be one or the other."

Gregory, who has said he would be a candidate for President next year, blasted President Johnson as "the evil of evils" and had more unkind words for Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and Sen. Robert Kennedy of New York.

"The only thing wrong with Barry Goldwater was that he dared to be more honest than LBJ," said Gregory, who said he couldn't vote for either man in 1964.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

50 ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS  
DENVER, COLORADO

Date: 10-13-67  
Edition: Home Final  
Author: Richard Tucker  
Editor: Jack Foster

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To: SAC, Dallas (157-946) REC 39

From: Director, FBI (100-440423) — 137

DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS EX 104

Reurairtel dated 10/27/67.

Dick Gregory is a Negro comedian from Chicago, Illinois. He has been very active in civil rights demonstrations around the country having been involved in such demonstrations as the promotion of rent strikes, economic boycotts, "sit-in" demonstrations, picket lines, marches, and other forms of protests. He has openly boasted that he has been frequently jailed as a result of his civil rights activities. He has appeared at numerous fund-raising events for such civil rights organizations as the Congress of Racial Equality, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Associated Community Teams of which he reportedly was one of the founders. Most recently Gregory has been active in the open-housing demonstrations in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Last December Gregory announced his intention to visit United States war prisoners in North Vietnam during the Christmas holidays; however, these plans were later canceled. He has been an outspoken critic of this country's participation in the Vietnam war. He recently participated in the mass demonstrations held in Washington, D. C., which were sponsored by the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

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Airtel to SAC, Dallas  
RE: DICK GREGORY

Gregory is a known agitator and a troublemaker. In the past he has made disparaging and contemptuous remarks concerning the Director and the FBI. He has been included in the Rabble Rouser Index.

NOTE:

The Dallas Office requested a run-down on Gregory inasmuch as he reportedly is scheduled to speak at Austin College in Sherman, Texas, on 12/8/67 [REDACTED]

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Date: 10/27/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-946) (P)

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
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OO: DALLAS

[redacted] Sherman, Texas, advised GREGORY scheduled to speak at Austin College on the night of 12/8/67, under sponsorship of the Austin College Student Entertainment Committee at the Student Union Building. Speech is open only to students and faculty.

[redacted] Local authorities are cognizant scheduled appearance and are apprehensive for both GREGORY and community.

Dallas files negative as to GREGORY.

Bureau requested to furnish Dallas background summary on GREGORY. Dallas will forward LHM with dissemination to pertinent agencies and follow and advise per GREGORY's speech at Sherman, Texas.

Chicago furnished copy this communication in view of possible future investigation.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-946) (P)

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

OO - Chicago

ReBuairtel dated 11/3/67, and Dallas airtel to Bureau dated 10/27/67.

Enclosed to the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM. One copy of the LHM is enclosed to Boston for information purposes.

Two copies of this LHM being sent to MIG, Dallas; two copies to U. S. Secret Service, Dallas; and one each to OSI, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, NISO, New Orleans, USA, Fort Worth and USA, Tyler, Texas.

Information in this case was received from DL T-1 by SA [redacted]

JOHNNY BURLESON, Chief of Police, Sherman, Texas, and GEORGE W. BLANTON, Grayson County SO, Sherman, both advised on 10/19/67, their respective offices are cognizant of the contemplated visit of GREGORY to speak at Austin College, Sherman, on the evening of 12/8/67, and liaison has been maintained with both departments, and both have been notified of the information as it develops by SA [redacted].

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He requested confidential treatment stating it was his desire as well as that of [REDACTED] that their concern in this matter and the furnishing of information by him should not be a matter of public knowledge.

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BOSTON - INFORMATION

Copies of this airtel and LHM furnished for information purposes in view of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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AT SHERMAN, TEXAS. Will follow and advise results.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Dallas, Texas  
November 15, 1967

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**DICK GREGORY**  
**RACIAL MATTERS**

The October 4, 1967, issue of the Sherman Democrat, Sherman, Texas, carried an item captioned "Gregory engaged to speak here" which is as follows:

"Negro comedian Dick Gregory will speak at Austin College the night of December 8 under sponsorship of the Student Entertainment Series.

"Gregory will speak at the student union building. The address will be open only to students, faculty and staff members who buy tickets.

"The Student Entertainment Series has also arranged a concert on the campus by Chad and Jeremy, a pop music duet."

DL T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 19, 1967, that Dick Gregory is scheduled to speak at Austin College, Sherman, Texas, on the evening of December 8, 1967, at the Student Union Building, under sponsorship of the Student Entertainment Committee. This speech is open only to students and faculty of Austin College. [REDACTED]

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DL T-1 at that time advised that [REDACTED]

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On October 26, 1967, Johnny Burleson, Chief of Police, Sherman, Texas, advised that he had been contacted by [REDACTED] requested his identity not be revealed. [REDACTED] desired to know if the Sherman Police Department would send a plain clothesman [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Burleson stated at this time he had not ascertained whether or not the City Manager of Sherman would approve of this plan. Burleson related that he is alerting the Dallas, Texas, Police Department when more specific details are known and also Major Guy Smith of the Texas Highway Patrol, Dallas, Texas. He is also maintaining liaison in this matter with Sheriff George W. Blanton, Grayson County and Chief of Police Paul Borem, Denison, Texas.

On November 2, 1967, information was received from DL T-1 that [REDACTED]

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To: Director, FBI(100-440423)ATTENTION:

From: SAC, KANSAS CITY  
(157-649) RUC

☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.  
☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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00: Chicago

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☐ Klan ☐ Organization

## Summary of Complaint:

Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 10/9/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for  
Chicago 7 copies of a self-explanatory letterhead  
memorandum.

No local dissemination is being made of this LHM  
by the Kansas City Division. Any appropriate dissemination  
should be considered by the Bureau and the Chicago Office.

It is noted subject is on the Rabble-Rouser  
index of the Chicago Office.

ENCLOSURE

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- ☒ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Kansas City, Missouri

November 13, 1967

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also  
known as Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to prior memorandum dated  
October 9, 1967.

Attached is a copy of a news article, dated  
November 9, 1967, from the evening edition of the Hays  
Daily News, a daily newspaper at Hays, Kansas, concerning  
the appearance of Dick Gregory as a speaker to approxi-  
mately 800 persons in the Sheridan Coliseum at Fort Hays  
State College on the night of November 8, 1967.

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# Gregory Sees Downfall Of U.S. Unless Race Issue Is Settled

Civil rights leader Dick Gregory repeated his warning Wednesday night in Hays that the United States will be destroyed by Negro revolution unless the race issue is settled within the next three years.

The 35-year-old comedian-turned-crusader made it clear at the outset of his two-hour speech in Sheridan Coliseum that he would offer no solutions, only observations.

A declared write-in candidate for President in 1968, he also made it clear he wasn't going to mince words. "After I leave here tonight I don't give a damn what you think of me."

"I just don't want to say we don't hate white folks, as a rule. We aren't even angry with white people. We're angry with the system—and, if the system don't change, we're going to bring it down," Gregory declared to an audience of about 800.

"If we don't solve these problems within the next three years, this country is going to be destroyed from within," he said.

At a press conference before the All-Student Council sponsored program, Gregory said, "We're not putting up with any more insults, period."

"You insult me and you keep on insulting me, and we're going to burn your house down to the ground."

In his speech, Gregory cast himself in the seemingly ambiguous role of pacifist-militant. Race riots and city burnings to him are justifiable means for accomplishing the goal of racial equality, but he doesn't want anyone hurt or killed in the process.

"You come up and spit on me, I won't hit you, but I'll take your clothes off and burn them," he said. "I have no respects for



**CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER** Dick Gregory answers reporters' questions at a news conference before he spoke at Fort Hays State College Wednesday night. (Hays News Photo)

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1 Hays Daily News

— Hays, Kansas

Date: 11/9/67  
Edition: Evening

Author:  
Editor: Ed Mc Farlin  
Title:

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

## GREGORY

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man-made objects at all."

Discussing welfare payments to Negroes, Gregory said, "You talk to me about relief! The minute you start feeling ashamed about foreign aid, that's the minute we start feeling ashamed about welfare."

"That damn white farmer is the biggest welfare recipient in this country," according to Gregory. He said the farmer "sits on his white butt" while the government pays him not to plant crops.

Concerning Vietnam, Gregory advocates an immediate withdrawal of American forces.

"People ask me if I think black kids should go to Vietnam; hell, I don't think white people should go."

"It don't make any difference if you're hawk or dove, someday we're going to have to wake up and get out of there," he said.

He said Negroes are being forced to give their lives in an attempt to guarantee freedom of choice to the Vietnamese people when the Negroes do not have this freedom in their own country.

Gregory announced that he will fast from Thanksgiving to Christmas to express his opposition to the war. He said that during that period he would eat no food and drink only water.

He spent considerable time defending the actions of civil rights workers Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown.

Brown and Carmichael, ac-

cording to Gregory, were soured on the nonviolent approach and led to militancy while working with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in the south for six years.

"You question their attitude—you go through what they went through those six years and you'd have the same attitude they have," Gregory said.

He told of lynchings and beatings of SNCC workers in the south.

Gregory wondered at the white American's fear of Carmichael and Brown. "A 23-year-old kid, Rap Brown, has got this country scared to death and he don't even have one bomb, one airplane or one vessel."

He said he doesn't know where Carmichael is presently, but understands he is to return to the United States shortly.

He also marveled at the whites' fear of two words—"black power." This fear, he said, was based on the white knowledge of "white power."

"This is the only country in the world that drops a bomb on millions of people (the A-bomb on Japan), and all at once we're afraid of a few town burnings."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (157-396) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RACIAL MATTER  
(OO Chicago)

DATE: 11/16/67

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DATE 1-9-80 BY 2842 WKA

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 10/3/67 and Buffalo  
airtel to Bureau, 10/23/67 u

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for  
Chicago two copies of a letterhead memorandum outlining  
activities of subject in Rochester, Elmira and Jamestown  
area of Western New York. It is noted his itinerary as outlined  
in referenced Chicago airtel was interrupted due to his pub-  
licized arrest during open housing demonstrations in  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin in the early part of October, 1967. It  
is noted that due to this interruption, subject made no  
appearances at Elmira, N.Y., but information reported in  
Elmira newspapers concerned his appearance at Mansfield  
State College, Mansfield, Pennsylvania. u

It is further noted that subject's activities and  
itinerary were followed closely by the Buffalo Office during  
the time he was in Buffalo Division territory and his  
departure for Philadelphia on 10/11/67 was telephonically  
communicated to Philadelphia, which was his next destination  
after his Rochester, N.Y. appearance. u

Subject's appearance at Jamestown, N.Y. Community  
College, on 10/18/67, occurred when he substituted for  
PIERRE SALINGER, who had to cancel an appearance at the

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AGENCY: ASST. DIR., GEN. INV. DIV. (FD-376 SJ)

DATE: 11/29/67  
BY: TDR

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Jamestown Community College due to illness. U

With regard to subject's appearance at the State University College At Brockport, N.Y. as indicated in referenced Buffalo airtel, Chief of Police DONALD HARE (NA), reported no Civil Rights activity and indicated subject's appearance at Brockport was strictly that of an entertainer. For this reason, subject's appearance at Brockport, N.Y. is not noted in the enclosed letterhead memorandum. U

With regard to the initials "SNCC" which appear in body of enclosed letterhead memorandum, it appears these initials no doubt refer to the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. However, the initials only are quoted in the news articles described and are therefore included in this letterhead memorandum without further description of them. U



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Buffalo, New York  
November 16, 1967

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as  
Dick Gregory

Set forth below is a resume of remarks captioned individual made before the assemblages indicated, as reported through the news media shown. *u*

The "Campus Times," the University of Rochester student newspaper at Rochester, New York, reported in its October 13, 1967 edition under the headline "Gregory Speaks About Problems in Nation, Explains Violence in Civil Rights Movement," that the subject made an appearance before about 400 students in the University of Rochester Palestra on Tuesday, October 10, 1967. Among the things the subject reportedly said were: *u*

"America is a sick country." "It is probably the most racist country on earth" due to both the white folk and the black. "We've watched you for 400 years and we've learned it (racism) from you." *u*

In explaining RAP BROWN's activities, subject stated RAP BROWN could be understood as one had watched as the FBI stood by while "five year old kids" who were being lead to an integrated school "were hit in the mouth by a brick" by "the mob" and "the police." *u*

Subject cited the Declaration of Independence as the basis for riots in Cincinnati, Chicago and Watts, saying

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activities in those areas were legal in the light of the Declaration. He asserted violence did not hurt the Negro cause because "This country's so immoral and corrupt itself." Subject stated non-violence is a favor, claiming this is a violent nation and that "we're asking one segment to be this way (non-violent) while another isn't." He also attacked the financial support of the non-violent movement as being largely furnished by Jews who would continue this support only if the movement remains non-violent "but when the Israeli war broke they sent over their rent money." Subject argued violence is legal on the part of Negroes in the same sense that the American Revolution was legal, but said he himself was committed to non-violence. He stated Negroes wanted nothing special - just equal status and implementation of the Constitution - the same things white people got. Subject said the riots were caused by "spontaneous combustion," the sudden release of suppressed anger by a catalytic incident. U

Subject disapproved of United States Action in Viet Nam, attacking a situation in which Negroes could kill Viet Cong, but could not kill members of the Ku Klux Klan. U

Subject stated that the United States had about three years to make basic changes or social changes would take place that would change America. He also said "I feel we've got to break this two party system." U

Subject told students that if they spent four years learning how to make a living they were in trouble because they were not guaranteed a living outside of the State but if they spent four years learning how to live they could walk all over the face of the earth and a living would come to them naturally. U

An article on Page 23 of the October 11, 1967 issue of the "Star-Gazette," an Elmira, New York daily



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newspaper, reported the appearance of the subject before a student audience at Mansfield State College, Mansfield, Pennsylvania on the afternoon of October 10, 1967. Comments by subject included one to the effect that he got out of jail after being arrested in Milwaukee and "Now I have two Milwaukee cops suing me for biting and kicking them. It don't make no difference that they were trying to push me in front of a train." He also stated "Don't ever let a blackman tell you he isn't a racist. He has to be if he lives in this country." U

Subject said RAP BROWN and STOKELY CARMICHAEL originally taught non-violence. "But the STOKELY's and the RAP's had to stand by and watch little 3 and 6 year old children get stomped on ... and see the police and FBI stand by and watch." U

"... you never read about the pregnant women marchers, white and colored alike, kicked in the stomach by red-necks. You don't read about the 500 'SNCC' workers killed in the past year." GREGORY claimed the workers had been murdered by Southern white racists but that their deaths had been officially listed as drunken driving accidents. "Now all at once" GREGORY shouted, "no one understands STOKELY and RAP. Non-violence is no longer an obligation, it is a favor. We're non-violent now just like Matt Dillon." U

Subject said the "SNCC" movement was no longer interested in the help of white liberals and they should stay home and "bug their own race." U

Subject further stated "no one has to pass special laws in America for us because the Constitution is not just for the whiteman." U

He also said, "No special law was passed to get SVETLANA STALIN - daughter of a Communist leader, into this

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country and into a decent home. "No special law is needed to get us decent homes." U

An article on Page 1 of the October 19, 1967 edition of the Jamestown, New York Post-Journal, Jamestown daily newspaper, reported subject's appearance before a large but un-numbered gathering of students at the Jamestown Community College, Collegiate Center. The article indicated subject spoke for two hours and remained more than one-half hour longer for a give and take exchange of questions and answers. Information in this article indicated subject gave substantially the same type of speech as indicated by quotations and information set out above. In addition, he was quoted as saying: U

"We've 600,000 men fighting to bring democracy to people half way around the world while we make little pretense of protecting the democratic rights of a large section of our own people." U

"Why should the Negroes be expected to serve and die bringing instant democracy to Viet-nam and complacently accept the achievement of their own democratic rights on the installment plan?" U

"If our democracy is so wonderful, we wouldn't have to fight for its acceptance in other countries, they would be stealing it from us." U

He was also quoted as saying, "When I demonstrate for Civil Rights, I hope it bugs America as much as the civil wrongs which my people have had to endure have bugged me." U

Subject again made reference to the Declaration of Independence, saying that the human rights enumerated therein were not restricted for "white only." He recalled

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that the patriots who won our country's freedom were fighting a tax on tea and he said, "Do you mean to tell me that the Negro won't fight for his life?" Subject cited an example of the acceptance of the idea that "If it's white, it's alright," noting that the nation had been reduced to near hysteria by black violence during the past summer, but had shown comparatively little concern over white violence such as had taken place during the current steel hauler's strike. He concluded his talk by urging students to concentrate on learning to live rather than earn a living. u

An article appearing on Page 63 in the October 19, 1967 City Final Edition of the "Buffalo Evening News," local Buffalo daily newspaper under the headline of "Dick Gregory Plans Fast," reported that on October 18, 1967, after he had made an address to 600 people in Jamestown Community College at Jamestown, New York, subject revealed he would fast for 30 days in protest against the Viet Nam war. He reportedly said he would start the fast in San Francisco on Thanksgiving Eve and would fast until Christmas. He said he would drink water but that he would eat nothing. He was quoted as saying, "I can't burn a draft card because I don't have one." u

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *pcy* SAC, OMAHA (157-217) (C)

SUBJECT: *11* DICK GREGORY  
APPEARANCE AT LINCOLN, NEBRASKA  
10/25/67  
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 11/16/67

Enclosed are the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth comments of GREGORY in a speech at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, on 10/25/67, suitable for dissemination.

The confidential source utilized in the enclosed LHM is  Lincoln, Nebraska.

No further investigation is being conducted by Omaha concerning GREGORY's appearance at this time.

AGENCY: ~~ACCT. MGR. OST~~, SEC. SERV., *FD-376 (Sc)*  
HOW: *4/29/67*  
DATE: *12/11/67*  
BY: *TDR/ci*

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Omaha, Nebraska  
November 16, 1967

DICK GREGORY

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Dick Gregory gave a speech at 2:00 p.m., October 25, 1967, on the East Campus of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska. He stated that his speech was sponsored by the East Union Special Events Committee. The source advised that about 800 to 1,000 people, mostly students at the University, were present for this speech, and no incidents arose in connection with this speech.

Articles concerning this speech of Gregory on October 25, 1967, appeared in "The Lincoln Star", October 26, 1967, page 33; "The Lincoln Evening Journal", October 26, 1967, page 12, both Lincoln newspapers; and in the "Daily Nebraskan", the University of Nebraska student newspaper.

According to these articles, Gregory stated, in part, that, "I am not here to impress you, but to inform you and I don't care what you think of me when you leave." He described himself as a "nonviolent vegetarian pacifist" and said that he would discuss "our number one problem, which is moral pollution, not air pollution." As he continued, Gregory said that "America is the number one most racist country in the world, bar none" and "Martin Luther King didn't teach this country nonviolence, it was kids like Rap Brown and Stokley Carmichael." "You are going to get a lot of Rap Browns and Stokley Carmichaels, so you had better be ready for them, baby." Other excerpts from Gregory's speech contained in these articles included the following: "We are after the U. S. Constitution and unless we get a part, you won't have yours," and "You are not looking at 'niggers' any more, but soldiers." He described the United States as being "sick", "stupid", and "insane" for involvement in the Vietnam war. "This is a non-violent country, your friends are over in Vietnam out-Nazi-ing the Nazis." He said anytime you send troops to protect Vietnamese freedom, but not Negroes in America, "Then maybe burning down that country would be a virtue." He mentioned that the recent peace march in Washington on the Pentagon was "great" and described President Lyndon B. Johnson, of the United States, as having "barbeque on his face, driving drunk and throwing beer cans out the window." In regard to the flag of

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the United States, he said, "You can't pass a law saying you can't burn the flag. The American flag is just a rag. I first want laws and respect for people, not objects. We must address ourselves to people, not flags."

According to the above confidential source, Gregory made only this one appearance at the University of Nebraska while in Lincoln.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (157-176) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 11/20/67

OO: CHICAGO

Re EP airtel to the Bureau dated 10/10/67; AQ airtel to the Bureau dated 10/12/67. u

This is to advise that in accordance with current Bureau instructions, logical sources and informants were alerted to the visit to El Paso of the captioned subject on 10/13/67. u

None of the sources contacted by SA [redacted] furnished any information regarding the visit which would indicate that he did other than stop in El Paso en route to Las Cruces, New Mexico, where he spoke at the New Mexico State University on the evening of October 13, 1967. u

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He was afforded no great reception in El Paso by the news media or private individuals and no publicity resulted. u

In the interest of brevity the names of the sources and informants contacted are not being set forth but are maintained in the El Paso file relating to the captioned subject. u

- 2-Bureau (RM)
- 1-Albuquerque (157-147) (RM) (Info)
- 1-Chicago (157-347) (Info) (RM) ✓
- 1-El Paso

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
 FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)  
 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
 Dick Gregory  
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 Rabble Rousers Index (RRI)  
 OO: Chicago

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above. This LHM is being disseminated locally to the United States Attorney, Chicago; U.S. Secret Service, Chicago; and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois. Two copies of this LHM are also being furnished New York Division. For information of New York, GREGORY, a Negro comedian and Civil Rights activist is currently maintained on Rabble Rousers Index by Chicago Division. *u*

Chicago is currently preparing a summary report concerning activities of GREGORY. *u*

Source referred to in LHM is \_\_\_\_\_

## LEADS

## NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. New York is requested to contact appropriate sources in an effort to determine any organizational affiliation of GREGORY in view of his frequent trips to New York and involvement in demonstrations, both as to Civil Rights and Anti-Viet Nam activities. *u*

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 2-New York (157-1093) (Encls. 2) (RM)  
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 (1-157-413)

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Approved: *[Signature]*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois  
November 29, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
ALSO KNOWN AS  
DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

On November 27, 1967, a source, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
furnished the following information: u

On November 22, 1967, Dick Gregory held a news conference at the Knickerbocker Hotel, 163 East Walton, Chicago, Illinois. During this conference Gregory stated that he is planning a month long fast from Thanksgiving to Christmas in order to protest the United States involvement in the Viet Nam war. Concerning this fast Gregory issued the following statement: u

"I am determined to set an example as an individual American, lawfully protesting against my government's policy in Vietnam," Gregory asserted. u

"From Thanksgiving until Christmas I will fast in sympathy with the millions of Americans who are also opposed to the war in Vietnam. I will not eat, drink juice or take prepared vitamins or other food supplements," he said. "I will only drink water." u

"I ask all those who, like myself, are opposed to war to demonstrate their determination by not buying a turkey for Christmas dinner. I suggest that true Christians and humanitarians celebrate Christmas this year in simplicity and sacrifice, and, in sympathy with the suffering on both sides of the war, avoid traditional decorations, Christmas trees, lights, ornaments, toys, and the exchange of gifts and presents until peace on earth and good will to men becomes a reality." u

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ALSO KNOWN AS  
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"In addition, I appeal to all morally committed Americans not to buy a 1968 automobile until the war is over." u

"I shouldn't have to do this, as a morally committed man, it would be senseless for me to make this kind of public sacrifice and welch on it. I would only be cheating myself. Everyone knows me to be honest enough so that if for any reason I will find it impossible to continue I would simply make that announcement but there are lots of people in this morally corrupt country who are going to doubt me no matter what I say or do. u

"Therefore I have asked Jimmy Smith, the editor-publisher of a Chicago Community Weekly and newspaper columnist Irv Kupcinet to hold a \$1,000 bond against any challenge which is subsequently proven." u

Dick Gregory is a Negro comic entertainer and Civil Rights activist who has been arrested on numerous occasions. More recently Gregory has affiliated himself with the activities of Milwaukee, Wisconsin's Father Groppi in connection with open housing demonstrations. Gregory is also publically known for his opposition to the Viet Nam war. u

The above information is being furnished the following agencies: u

United States Attorney u  
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service u  
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group  
Evanston, Illinois u

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FBI DALLAS

345PM URGENT 12-6-67 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM DALLAS (157-946) 2P

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RE DALLAS AIRTEL AND LHM NOV. FIFTEEN LAST. *U*

COP JOHNNY BURLESON, SHERMAN, TEXAS, ADVISED GREGORY'S  
SCHEDULED SPEECH, AUSTIN COLLEGE, SHERMAN, FOR DEC. EIGHT NEXT  
CONFIRMED. GREGORY ARRIVES LOVE FIELD AIRPORT, DALLAS, FOUR  
FORTYFIVE PM, DEC. EIGHT, NEXT WHERE BEING MET BY OFFICIALS OF  
COLLEGE. HIS SPEECH IS SCHEDULED FROM EIGHT THIRTY TO NINE THIRTY  
PM SAME DATE, AUSTIN COLLEGE, AND A ROOM HAS BEEN RESERVED AT  
HOLIDAY INN, SHERMAN, AFTERNOON DECEMBER EIGHT NEXT BY COLLEGE  
OFFICIALS AT GREGORY'S REQUEST. CHIEF ANTICIPATES GREGORY DEPARTING  
DEC. NINE NEXT. BURLESON ADVISED SHERMAN MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER MET  
WITH COLLEGE OFFICIALS DEC. FIVE LAST PERTAINING TO SCHEDULED SPEECH  
DUE TO POSSIBLE RACIAL TENSION BASED ON FACT WHITE FEMALE LIVING JUST  
SOUTH OF SHERMAN CITY LIMITS WAS RAPED AND STABBED AT HER RESIDENCE  
DEC. FOUR LAST BY A PERSON, THE VICTIM DESCRIBED PRIOR TO HER DEATH  
AS A NEGRO AND PUBLIC OPINION AROUSED *EX-103*

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*cc - Truckee*

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BURLESON NOTIFYING DALLAS PD AND SO, AND MAJOR GUY SMITH,  
TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROL, DALLAS, OF ABOVE SCHEDULE. APPROPRIATE FEDERAL  
AGENCIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED. U

CLOSE LIAISON BEING MAINTAINED AND BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING GREGORY'S DEPARTURE BY TELETYPE FOLLOWED  
BY AIRTEL AND LHM. U

BOSTON AND CHICAGO ADVISED BY AIR MAIL. P U

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1106PM URGENT 12-8-67 JDP

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM DALLAS (157-946)

DICK GREGORY. RM. OO-CHICAGO.

RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED DEC. SIX, SIXTY-SEVEN. *u*  
COP JOHNNY BURLESON, SHERMAN, TEXAS PD, ADVISED GREGORY  
HAD LAST MINUTE CHANGE OF PLANS AND NOT STAYING SHERMAN, TEXAS  
OVERNIGHT. *u*

GREGORY SPOKE AS SCHEDULED AND BURLESON REPORTED IT WAS  
STRICTLY COMEDY ROUTINE ONLY AND NO INCIDENTS AROSE. *u*

GREGORY ACCOMPANIED BY UNKNOWN NEGRO FEMALE WHO GREGORY  
REFERRED TO AS  *u*

GREGORY DEPARTED SHERMAN, TEXAS TEN TEN PM RETURNING LOVE  
FIELD, DALLAS, TEXAS WHERE HE IS TO CATCH UNKNOWN PLANE FOR REPORTEDLY  
WEST COAST DESTINATION. *u*

LHM FOLLOWS. *u*

BOSTON AND CHICAGO ADVISED AIR MAIL. *u*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
 FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-946) (RUC)  
 RE: DICK GREGORY  
 RACIAL MATTERS  
 OO - CHICAGO

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Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 11/15/67, and Dallas teletypes to Bureau, 12/6 and 8/67. *u*

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Information set forth in LHM, including that received from DL T-1 was received by SA [redacted] Notifications were by SA [redacted] except those on 12/6/67 to MIG, NISO and U. S. Secret Service, which were by SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING. *u*

DL T-1 is [redacted]

[redacted] had requested his identity be protected, stating it was his desire as well as that of [redacted] that their concern in this matter and the furnishing of information by him should not be a matter of public knowledge. *u*

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BOSTON (info):

Copy being furnished Boston in view of their possible interest in this matter due to booking agent for GREGORY being located in that division. u

LOS ANGELES (info):

Copy being furnished Los Angeles in view of GREGORY reportedly going to Los Angeles from Dallas, after GREGORY's speech at Austin College, Sherman, Texas, evening of 12/8/67. u



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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Dallas, Texas  
December 11, 1967

**DICK GREGORY**  
**RACIAL MATTERS**

On December 4, 1967, Johnny Burleson, Chief of Police, Sherman, Texas, advised that Mayor George R. Stephens, and City Manager L. H. Krumm, Sherman, were going to contact college officials, Austin College, Sherman, Texas, on December 5, 1967, in regard to the scheduled speech of Dick Gregory at the college on the evening of December 8, 1967, and point out to them that a white female was raped and stabbed at her residence just south of the city limits of Sherman, Texas, on December 4, 1967, by a person she was able to describe only as a Negro male just prior to her death, and that public opinion had been aroused by the crime. *u*

On December 6, 1967, Chief Burleson advised that the Mayor and City Manager had met and discussed Gregory's scheduled speech with officials at Austin College. Burleson further stated college officials had confirmed that Gregory's speech would be held at the Student Union Building, Austin College, Sherman, Texas, between the hours of 8:30 PM and 9:30 PM, December 8, 1967. Burleson was notified by college officials that Gregory was due to arrive at the Love Field Airport, Dallas, Texas, at 4:45 PM, December 8, 1967. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Burleson was told that Gregory was coming to Sherman by himself, and that he was apparently going to stay in Sherman overnight since Gregory had requested college officials to reserve him a room at the Holiday Inn, Sherman, for the night of December 8, 1967, and that he would leave Sherman on the morning of December 9, 1967, and return to Dallas where he would catch a plane en route to the West Coast. He was reserved Room 248 by college officials, as a result of this request. Burleson advised that it was believed Gregory was arriving at Love Field, Dallas, on a flight originating out of Denver, Colorado, but this was not definitely known. *u*

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Re: DICK GREGORY

Gregory, according to Burleson, had sent a press release to college officials but they were not releasing same. In this release, Gregory claimed he was on a fast commencing Thanksgiving Day and lasting through Christmas, existing during that time only on distilled water. Although college officials were originally of the belief Gregory was going to perform only a comedy routine at the college, it appeared that Gregory would spend some of his time on a comedy and would then speak on his views in regard to U. S. involvement in the Vietnam war and that he believed U. S. troops should be withdrawn. It is for this reason that Gregory was fasting and that he was going to ask the audience not to purchase cars, Christmas decorations or Christmas presents, in order to support the view that U. S. troops should be withdrawn from Vietnam. Burleson advised he had been informed approximately 750 tickets had been sold to students and faculty of Austin College for this speech. u

Burleson related that he had notified Sheriff G. W. Blanton, Grayson County, Sherman, Texas, and Paul Borum, Chief of Police, Denison, Texas, of the above plans of Gregory and that he was this date notifying the Dallas, Texas, Police Department and Sheriff's Office of these plans, including the intention of transporting Gregory from Dallas to Sherman via State Highway 289, rather than U. S. 75, due to traffic congestion on U. S. 75 at that hour. He was also requesting Sergeant [redacted] [redacted] Texas Highway Patrol, Sherman, Texas, to furnish this same information to Major Guy Smith, Texas Highway Patrol, Dallas, Texas. u

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On December 6, 1967, the following were notified of the confirmed plans of Gregory's arrival at Sherman, Texas: u

[redacted] Special Agent, Office of  
Special Investigations, Perrin Air Force Base,  
Texas, at 1:00 PM. u

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William Wayne Justice, U. S. Attorney, Eastern  
District of Texas, Tyler, Texas, at 1:22 PM. u

Re: DICK GREGORY

[redacted] Assistant U. S. Attorney, Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth, Texas, at 1:40 PM. u

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[redacted] 112th Military Intelligence Group, U. S. Army, Dallas, Texas, at 2:57 PM. u

[redacted] Naval Investigative Service Officer, Dallas, Texas, 3:04 PM. u

[redacted] Special Agent, U. S. Secret Service, Dallas, Texas, at 3:12 PM. u

On December 7, 1967, Burleson related Gregory would apparently depart Sherman, Texas, approximately 9:00 AM, December 9, 1967, since he had been notified Gregory was going to catch a flight from Love Field, Dallas, Texas, to the West Coast at 11:00 AM, December 9, 1967. u

On December 8, 1967, Burleson related Gregory was met by college officials at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, and brought to Sherman, Texas, as scheduled. He stated, however, Gregory was accompanied by an unknown Negro female, who Gregory referred to as [redacted]. He further related there had been a last minute change of plans by Gregory and that he was returning to Dallas the same evening to catch a plane for the West Coast, rather than remaining overnight in Sherman, as originally scheduled. u

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Burleson also advised that Detective [redacted] Sherman Police Department, was present at the Student Union Building during the hour Gregory spoke and reported that the entire act was a comedy routine only. Burleson related there were no incidents, whatsoever, arising as a result of Gregory's speech and that Gregory and the unknown female left Sherman, Texas, at 10:10 PM., December 8, 1967, accompanied by [redacted] supra, en route back to Love Field, Dallas, to catch an unknown flight for the West Coast. u

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The December 10, 1967, issue of the "Sherman Democrat", Sherman, Texas, carried an item captioned "GREGORY SKIPS CONTROVERSY, OFFERS HUMOR", which is as follows: u

# Gregory Skips Controversy, Offers Humor

By GEORGE CHAFFEE

Dick Gregory, a Negro comedian turned civil rights activist, parked his controversial views on segregation and the Vietnam War at the Austin College Student Union door here Friday night and gave students and faculty one hour of pure humor.

Approximately 750 students — some sitting in straight-back chairs, some sitting cross-legged on the floor and some lying on the floor with their feet propped up on the small stage — roared their approval as Gregory went through his unrehearsed routine, most of which centered around his Thanksgiving-to-Christmas fast to protect involvement in Vietnam.

"Every time I put on my socks they fall back down," the bearded comic said. "Man, I've lost so much weight non-violence is no longer a tactic for me but a necessity."

Gregory said he weighed 153 pounds when he began his fasting on Thanksgiving Day and was down to 124 when he weighed three days ago.

"I'm scared to get on the scales now," he admitted.

Gregory showed the effects of 16 days without food and got a lot of laughs about his condition.

"I'm so weak I couldn't whip Ronald Reagan's former staff members," he quipped.

Gregory said the fasting also had its effects on what he termed his "hate fan mail."

"I used to get these letters saying, 'nigger, nigger, nigger' "

he pulled a letter from a pocket of his green coveralls. "Now I get 'em like this. 'Dear Mr. Gregory, last night for supper I had . . .'"

Taking a slap at his wife's cooking, Gregory said with a wink of his eye, "Her cooking is so bad I gained 30 pounds after I went on my fast."

Hitting briefly on the devaluation of the British pound, Gregory said he wasn't worried

about U.S. currency until he saw Indians on the roadside selling dollar bills for old beads.

Then he added, "Don't worry about my health during the fast. It's the British that are losing the pounds."

Cigarette smoking drew fire from the frail comedian when he said honest television commercials would come when the sponsors switched from coupons on the backs of cigarette packs

to insurance credit cards.

Commenting that people are now paying 40 cents to get bad news in the form of "Caution: Cigarette Smoking May Be Hazardous to Your Health," Gregory told a conversation with a friend who thought the message was actually a coupon.

Friend: "You mean if I save enough of them, I'll get something?"

Gregory: "That's right, brother."

Friend, "Well, when do I turn them in?"

Gregory: "You don't. They'll turn you in."

Turning around, Gregory noticed three black drapes set up as a back-drop for the impromptu stage. He walked over to a drape, folded it into the shape of a KKK hood and put it on his head. "All right," he said, "there will be a meeting at 8 p.m. tonight."

Later, Gregory said the biggest breakthrough in the civil rights movement was the naming of the hurricane Beulah.

Recalling his childhood, Gregory said he and his friends would use segregation to their advantage.

"We'd walk into an expensive department store and get all the store detectives to follow us," he said. "While they were keeping an eye on us, the white kids we had hired earlier would do the stealing."

Gregory claimed racial prejudices didn't do much to strengthen his beliefs in Santa Claus. "Ain't no white man

comin' in our neighborhood at night."

Speaking of Black Power, Gregory said Negroes would get it when one of them caught the "primitive" nuclear bomb Red China is going to deliver.

"Talk about Black Power," he said as he held the imaginary bomb, "I'd walk up to Wallace's (George) house si . . . 'We have overcome.' "

Everytime the comedian mentioned Lyndon Johnson, he made reference to barbecue sauce on his face, operation scar or whatever.

"He's the only President I know that everytime he leaves the country, so do I. I think he knows something."

Gregory also poked some fun at the space program saying we've spent \$55 million for a picture of the moon that looks like a close-up shot of cold oatmeal.

In sharp contrast to his jokes, Gregory left the students with a bit of advice which they listened to in deep silence: "Don't get so busy in learning how to make a living that you forget how to live."

Gregory was the second entertainer to appear in Austin College's Student Entertainment Series, all of which are open only to students and faculty. David Barton, student in charge of the series, said Gregory was paid \$1,500 for his appearance in Sherman. Entertainers are paid from revenue received through ticket sales at the college.

Re: DICK GREGORY

DL T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DL T-1 advised no information came to his attention of any incident arising in Sherman, Texas, as a result of Gregory's appearing at Austin College the evening of December 8, 1967, and during the hour long show which DL T-1 attended, Gregory performed a comedy routine and made no mention of any controversial subjects. *u*

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/22/67

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-217) (C)

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SUBJECT: *pcy*  
DICK GREGORY

DATE 8-13-81 BY SP-8 BLI/HW

APPEARANCES AT CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA,  
12/5/67, AND AT IOWA CITY, IOWA,  
12/6/67  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Enclosed are the original and seven copies of a  
letterhead memorandum setting forth comments of GREGORY in  
speeches at Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 12/5/67,  
and at University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 12/6/67, suitable  
for dissemination.

The confidential source utilized in the enclosed LHM  
is   
Iowa City, Iowa.

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No further investigation is being conducted by Omaha  
concerning GREGORY's appearances at this time.

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A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Dick Gregory gave a speech at 8:00 p.m., December 6, 1967, at the Student Union, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, before a gathering of students and faculty estimated at 2,100 persons. This speech was sponsored by the University as part of a regular guest lecture series. Gregory was reportedly paid \$1,200.00 for this appearance. No incident arose in connection with Gregory's appearance above.

On December 5, 1967, Gregory appeared at Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he spoke to about 600 persons, also as part of the lecture series of that institution.

An article concerning Gregory's speech at University of Iowa appeared on December 7, 1967, Page 1, of the "Daily Iowan", the University of Iowa student newspaper. An article reporting Gregory's speech at Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, appeared in "The Cedar Rapids Gazette", Page 10A, December 6, 1967, a local daily newspaper.

According to the article appearing in the "Daily Iowan", Gregory said in part that violence is helping the Negro cause because America is "so foul and dirty". He said America was the "number one most racist country in the world", and that Negroes learned their racism and violence from the whites.

Gregory praised the University's anti-war demonstrations and said that they were receiving so much reaction because the students were trying to change the system. He said H. Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael, Negro leaders who advocate violence and black power, were non-violent civil rights workers in the South for six years, and described their struggle against the southern mobs, sheriffs and police in which, he said, "20 civil rights workers were killed each day". He said he would "bug this country as much as civil wrongs have bugged me". He said it was an insane country that could ask a Negro to kill to give Vietnamese instant freedom and then promise that man's children freedom on the installment plan.

In this speech, Gregory quoted the Declaration of Independence to show that Americans believed that people have the duty to overthrow a government that denies them their rights

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for a long period of time, and that the white should blame the founding fathers for not putting a "white only" stamp on the declaration.

In his speech at Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Gregory told the audience he plans to write every country urging a boycott of the 1968 Olympic games in Mexico as a protest to the Vietnam war.

At Cedar Rapids, Gregory also told his audience that "if things don't begin improving fast, we're going to burn this country right to the ground and you better believe it."

He said, "you better wake up on this violence thing, non-violence is a favor and you better not aggravate the Negro much longer." He said further, "Patrick Henry said give me liberty or give me death. That is non-violence? The British were overthrown for taxing tea and you think we won't bring this country down to save our lives?" He went on to comment, "that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and that after such a long period of abuses, it is the right, the duty, for a people to throw off such a government. And we will."

Gregory said further, "Moral pollution is the No. 1 problem in this country. All the tricks are used up. We're never going through the back door again. Sure you got the right to call me nigger. You got freedom of speech. But don't spit on me when you call me nigger. The German who killed my dad in World War II can live where I cannot."

Gregory told the audience he was not angry at white people. "I just hate your system. We're tired of it and we're going to bring it down."

According to the above source, Gregory's activity in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the University of Iowa was limited to his appearance at the two schools identified above.

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Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group,  
Evanston, Illinois. *u*

Chicago is currently preparing a summary  
report concerning activities of GREGORY. Chicago  
continues to follow the activities of GREGORY with  
particular emphasis being placed upon GREGORY's  
proposed plans to travel abroad. *u*

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated  
November 29, 1967. *u*

The following article appeared on Page Four,  
in the December 13, 1967, Final Edition of the "Chicago  
Defender". *u*

Dick Gregory is the Negro comedian - entertainer  
and Civil Rights activist who has been arrested on  
numerous occasions. Gregory is also publically known  
for his opposition to the Viet Nam war. *u*

The above information is being furnished to  
the following agencies: *u*

The United States Attorney, Chicago, U. S.  
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# Lean Dick Gregory Vows To Continue 'Black Fast'

By DAVE POTTER  
(Daily Defender Staff Writer)

A gaunt, 120-pound Dick Gregory yesterday reaffirmed his vow to complete his celebrated "black fast" until Christmas.

At a news conference held in the Knickerbocker Hotel, Gregory, dressed in a forest green coverall, told reporters that he was not experiencing any serious side effects from his last which the comedian initiated the day before Thanksgiving as a protest to his country's involvement in the Vietnam war.

When Gregory launched his fast, he weighed 153 pounds. Yesterday marked the 20th day in which he consumed nothing more than about 6½ pints of distilled water each day.

Though he looks as if he is dying, Gregory told reporters, "I'm not going to die. I am in good shape, I'm healthy and I'm strong."

"In response to the thousands of letters, telegrams and phone calls I have received from all over the world expressing concern over my health, I've called this press conference to assure my friends that I am in good condition and in spite of the difficult schedule which I have kept — lecturing in colleges in 26 cities — I am as determined as ever to maintain my fast until Christmas," he said.

He did say, however, that he was not under a doctor's care.

Gregory flew into Chicago yesterday after addressing the graduating senior class at Yale University in Hartford, Conn. He was to leave later for another speaking engagement in Miami and a nightclub appearance in New York's Greenwich Village.

On Nov. 22, Gregory said he would fast in sympathy with the millions of Americans who are opposed to the war in Vietnam.

He also asked then that those, who like himself, were opposed to the war demonstrate their beliefs by not buying turkeys for Christmas, or to give Yule gifts or decorate homes with lights in the traditional Yuletide manner, "until peace on earth and goodwill toward men becomes a reality." He also asked that his followers not buy a 1968 auto as another form of anti-Vietnam war protest.

"Now I'm not one of these guys who are pulling for the Viet Cong against the United States. I am opposed to all wars and I feel sorry for every young man who is killed."

Gregory also pointed out that since he had started his fast he had also stopped smoking cigarettes — which had become one of his trademarks in night clubs.

Throughout the press conference, Gregory's drawn face was almost always in a gentle smile. His voice was slightly hoarse and decidedly softer than in recent pre-fast months.

He refused to liken himself to India's Mahatma Gandhi mainly because there was no religious connection with the comic's fast — just a moral one. "There was also a difference in our complexions," he quipped.

A reporter calculated Gregory's weight loss rate at about two pounds a day, and said that by Christmas he would weigh in the vicinity of 95 pounds — or less.

"Then," Gregory retorted, "I'd be the NAACP's answer to Twiggy."

Purpose of his fast he said was to demonstrate that there "a whole lot of decent people in the U.S."

"Hell, I'm 35 and too old to get drafted; and if I went to volunteer, with my political views, the government itself would burn my draft card."

While he gestured with his hands, it was even more apparent that the comedian had lost a great deal of weight. His plain, gold wedding band literally flopped up and down between joints on his ring finger.

When asked whether the fast had affected his sense of

humor, Gregory replied:

It's given me 30 more minutes in my act and now my hate mail reads differently. It used to be letters were addressed to me 'dear nigger, this and dear nigger that. Now some letters begin 'My Dear Mr. Gregory, last night for dinner I had...'

In addition, Gregory announced that he has cabled Bertrand Russell to obtain his full support in a mission to persuade nations not to participate in next summer's Olympic games if the United States continues to conduct the war in Vietnam. He stated that he was writing letters to the heads of state of all the Olympic member nations to help in this effort.

Gregory said he will travel to as many countries as he can humanly visit between now and the games in Mexico City next August.



Full view of comic shows spare frame in detail. He said that during his fast, he would neither smoke, get a haircut nor take a shave. (Daily Defender Photos by John Gunn)



Drawn looking comedian Dick Gregory, down to 120 pounds, tells reporters that he will complete his 32-day "black fast" — his way of protesting U.S. involvement in the war in Vietnam. Gregory's weight loss was apparent when his wedding band flopped loosely on his ring finger.

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On 12/18/67, Officer [ ] Human Relations  
Division, Chicago PD, was contacted concerning any  
information that the Chicago PD might have in reference  
to remarks of DICK GREGORY as set forth in enclosed LHM. u

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At this time, Officer [ ] advised that the Chicago PD had no information concerning GREGORY's remarks in reference to the Democratic National Convention and further that Superintendent of Police CONLISK has received no communication to date from GREGORY concerning the appointment of a Negro to Superintendent CONLISK's staff. u

Chicago continues to follow the activities of [ ] and the Bureau will be kept advised. u

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Reference is made to memorandum captioned "Richard Claxton Gregory, aka, Dick Gregory," dated November 29, 1967, at Chicago. U

The following information was taken from the December 17, 1967 edition of the "Chicago Tribune" in a column by Herb Lyon captioned "Tower Ticker": U

"Dick Gregory, down to 118 pounds, via his pre-yule protest fast, shocked listeners in on Wes South's WVON Hot Line Radio show the other night. Said Gregory: "The Democrats will hold their 1968 national convention in Chicago next August over my dead body, unless they meet my terms. Like lifting the injunction on open housing marches and Police Supt. Conlisk appointing a Negro to his top staff." The comic then threatened to bring in thousands of stormy protestors, including disruptive Hippies and Negro athletes who'll swarm all over the Amphitheater. " U

Dick Gregory is a Negro entertainer-comedian and Civil Rights activist who has been arrested on numerous occasions. More recently, Gregory is known for his public statements concerning his anti-Viet Nam stand. U

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ON TWELVE TWENTY SIX, INSTANT, [REDACTED] SOURCE ADVISED  
THAT ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER TWENTY SIX, INSTANT, AT EIGHT PM, A  
FREEDOM AND PEACE RALLY COMMEMORATING TWENTY SIXTH DAY OF NEGRO

COMEDIAN/ENTERTAINER, DICK GREGORY'S "BLACK FAST," WILL BE HELD  
IN THE CARTER TEMPLE, C.M.E. CHURCH, SEVEN EIGHT FOUR ONE SO.

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DURING THIS RALLY: FATHER JAMES E. GROPP, MALE WHITE, MILITANT  
LEADER OF OPEN HOUSING MARCHES IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN; RALPH

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AT RALLY, GREGORY WILL EXPLAIN HIS THIRTY TWO -DAY ANTI VIET NAM PROTEST FAST AND WILL REVEAL HIS PLANS FOR THE NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO.

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CC MR. TRAINOR

SAC, Chicago (157-347)

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Director, FBI (100-440423)

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A summary-type report should be submitted in the near future. Advise the Bureau when a report may be expected. *u*

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RE CHICAGO AIRTEL, LHM TO BUREAU DATED DECEMBER TWENTY SEVEN,  
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[redacted] advised that on 12/26/67 a freedom and peace rally commemorating the 33rd day of DICK GREGORY's "Black Fast" took place without incident in the Carter Temple, C.M.E. Church, 7841 South Wabash Street, Chicago. The details of this rally are set forth in the LHM. u

Chicago continues to follow activities of DICK GREGORY. The Bureau will be kept advised. u

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POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS  
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December 18, 1967. U

On December 26, 1967, a [redacted]  
source advised that a freedom and peace rally commemorating  
the 33rd day of Negro comedian/entertainer Dick Gregory's  
"Black Fast" was to be held in the Carter Temple, C.M.E.  
Church, 7841 South Wabash Street, Chicago, Illinois. This  
[redacted] source stated that at a press conference  
held earlier in the same day, Gregory announced that Father  
James E. Groppi, the militant open housing advocate from  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Ralph Schoenman, secretary to  
Lord Bertram Russell of England and the individual who con-  
ducted the mock war crimes trial in Copenhagen with the  
United States as the defendant because of their involvement  
in the Vietnamese War, would participate in this rally. U

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INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATER,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
AUGUST, 1968

On December 27, 1967, this same [redacted] source advised that the above rally took place as scheduled at the Carter Temple, C.M.E. Church. This rally began at 8:00 p.m. on December 26, 1967, and terminated at approximately 11:30 p.m. Approximately 150 persons attended this rally, each paying a \$5.00 entrance fee. U

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During the course of the rally, Dick Gregory issued a series of demands that the City of Chicago would have to meet if the City expected to have the Democratic Convention in Chicago in August, 1968. These demands are as follows: U

1. Complete open housing for Negroes in Chicago and in the State of Illinois as well as the right for the Negro to be able to go anywhere in the city without being attacked. U
2. The lifting of an injunction limiting demonstrations by the Reverend Martin Luther King and others. This injunction has been in effect since the September, 1966, racial disturbances on Chicago's west side. U
3. A Negro policeman and a top echelon of the Chicago Police Department. U
4. One month before the National Democratic Convention in Chicago all firemen and policemen in Chicago should be paid the highest salary in the nation. U

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS  
DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION,  
INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATER,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
AUGUST, 1968

Gregory was seen and heard over nationwide television stating that if his demands were not met, the Democratic Convention would be held over his dead body. U

Father James E. Groppi also spoke at this rally explaining the purpose of the open housing marches in Milwaukee and the organization of his "commandos". Groppi stated that the marches in Milwaukee would continue for five years "if we feel it is necessary to win freedom for the Negro". U

Ralph Schoenman spoke of the "liberation armies" around the world, particularly in Vietnam, Bolivia, and Africa, and how the system in the United States will have to be destroyed. He said that he believes in revolutionary tactics of violence and that whenever a black man is assassinated a list of "white cops" should be drawn up and they should receive the same treatment. U

Schoenman further stated that the United States is trying to protect its economic position in Southeast Asia. Schoenman referred to President Johnson as "scarbelly" with barbecue sauce on his face. Among those who attended this rally were the following: U

[redacted] male Negro, [redacted]  
of ACT, a militant black nationalist organization. U

TH ( [redacted] male Negro, [redacted] of Chicago's  
Afro-American Student Association, a militant  
black nationalist organization. U

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS  
DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION,  
INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATER,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
AUGUST, 1968

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*ILL* / Robert Lucas, male Negro, chairman of Chicago's  
Congress of Racial Equality. *u*

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The above information is being furnished to the  
following agencies: *u*

United States Attorney  
Chicago, Illinois *u*

United States Secret Service  
Chicago, Illinois *u*

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group  
Evanston, Illinois *u*

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Director, FBI (100-440423)

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WILLIAM RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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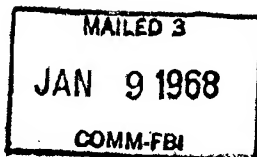
As you are aware, Gregory has been making very inflammatory statements to the press threatening that he will disrupt the forthcoming democratic convention in Chicago unless certain demands are met. U

You are requested to advise what coverage through informants and sources you are able to provide Gregory. If you do not have good coverage, advise what steps you are taking to get sources close to him. The Bureau desires that coverage of Gregory be such that we are kept advised of his activities on a current basis. U

TDR:lmr

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Mr. DeLoach:

I do not want to be out of place but on seeing the attached picture I thought of your possible responsibility at the 1968 Democratic National Convention. I am confident the Bureau has fine coverage on the various organizations who might try to disrupt the convention. Individual dissidents like Gregory; however, might present embarrassing problems. Chicago may have someone close to Gregory. If not, it might not be too early to begin developing such coverage.

  
Elmer Lee Todd

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Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1968

THE WASHINGTON POST



①  
WARNING—Comedian Dick Gregory announces he has notified President Johnson that unless racial conditions show improve-

ment in Chicago he will disrupt the Democratic Convention. With him at a news conference in his Chicago home is his wife.

United Press International

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Date: 1/8/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-New) (P)

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
Speech  
Springfield, Ohio  
1/24/68  
RM

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM which is self-explanatory. *u*

Enclosed for Chicago and Philadelphia Divisions is one copy each of LHM re captioned speech.

On 1/3/68, [redacted] Detective Bureau, Springfield, Ohio, PD, advised SA [redacted] he plans to confidentially tape subject's speech at Wittenberg University on 1/24/68, at which time his men, in plainclothes, will afford security coverage during speech. *u*

For information of the Bureau, copies of enclosed LHM have been furnished separately to 109th MI Group, Cincinnati, Ohio, U. S. Secret Service, Cincinnati, Ohio, and USA, Dayton, Ohio. *u*

Information copy of this communication and LHM furnished to Chicago Division in light of their probable interest in subject DICK GREGORY. Chicago Division is requested to review file and furnish Cincinnati

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HOW FORW: [redacted]

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Division with any information which Chicago feels Cincinnati should have prior to 1/24/68 speech by GREGORY. *u*

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PHILADELPHIA

AT PALMERTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Will conduct credit and arrest check for [redacted] a senior at Wittenberg University who was a member of [redacted] Will also conduct credit and arrest for [redacted] parents and furnish Cincinnati with this information. *u*

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CINCINNATI

AT SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

Will follow subject's speech on 1/24/68. It is noted Cincinnati Division informants will cover this speech on a discreet basis. *u*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 8, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked:

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service, Cincinnati, Ohio (RM)

Enclosure(s)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio  
January 8, 1968

RE: DICK GREGORY Speech  
Springfield, Ohio  
January 24, 1968

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DATE 1-9-80 BY 2842 PDK/ELW

On January 2, 1968, [redacted]  
[redacted] Wittenberg University, Spring-  
field, Ohio, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that  
Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, from Chicago, Illinois, had  
been invited to speak at the Wittenberg University Fieldhouse  
at 8:00 p.m. on January 24, 1968. [redacted] advised it  
was his understanding that Gregory had accepted the speech  
invitation and would appear at the university located in  
Springfield, Ohio, on the evening of January 24, 1968. *u*

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[redacted] advised he anticipated upwards of  
1,000 people to hear Gregory speak about "Black Power and  
Civil Rights." [redacted] advised he was in the process of  
contacting officials at the Springfield, Ohio, Police  
Department to request plainclothes security assistance from  
the Springfield Police Division for coverage of Gregory's  
speech. *u*

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[redacted] advised that the invitation for  
Gregory to speak at Wittenberg University was extended by  
Wittenberg senior [redacted] on behalf of the Student  
Union Board, Culture Committee. He advised the speech would  
~~begin~~ at 8:30 p.m. on January 24, 1968, and was expected to  
end at approximately 10:00 p.m. *u*

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On January 2, 1968, Wittenberg University [redacted]  
[redacted] advised a Special Agent of the FBI he had  
that day learned that a student committee of Wittenberg  
University students had extended an invitation to Negro  
comedian Dick Gregory to speak on campus at Springfield,  
Ohio, on the evening of January 24, 1968. [redacted]  
[redacted] advised the Wittenberg administration had not known  
about the invitation to Gregory to speak. He advised he  
had become very concerned about the invitation to Gregory to  
speak and noted recent newspaper publicity, during which  
time Gregory had advised newsmen that Gregory would lead a

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RE: DICK GREGORY Speech, Springfield, Ohio,  
January 24, 1968

demonstration which "will make it possible for the Democratic Party to hold its convention here (Chicago, Illinois) only over my dead body." [redacted] advised although he is concerned over Gregory's scheduled speech, the administration will take no action to interfere with the invitation extended and accepted by Gregory by representatives of the Wittenberg University student body to speak. However, [redacted] advised he had requested security assistance from Springfield, Ohio, Police. u

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Review of the 1967-68 Wittenberg University Directory revealed a listing for [redacted] member of the class of 1968, who was listed as being a member of [redacted] located at [redacted] [redacted] home address was listed as [redacted] u

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 1/10/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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OO: CHICAGO

ReBulet 1/4/68. *u*

Summary type report concerning captioned subject is in preparation and will be submitted to reach the Bureau on or before January 29, 1968. *u*

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 1/19/68

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-386)(RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(Rabble Rouser Index)  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 1/11/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM concerning the appearance of DICK GREGORY at Northeastern University, Boston, Mass., on 1/11/68.

GREGORY's speaking engagement at Northeastern University was covered by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He requested his identity be CONCEALED if the information furnished by him is disseminated. He can be described as furnishing reliable information in the past.

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BY: [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Boston, Massachusetts  
January 19, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On January 12, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory appeared at Northeastern University, 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, on the evening of January 11, 1968, as an invited guest of the Distinguished Speaker Series sponsored by the Student Activities Council of Northeastern University. The affair was held in the Carl S. Ell Student Center.

About 20 female Negroes and 15 male Negroes, many of whom were recognized as residents of the Roxbury section of Boston, lined the Auditorium walls near the stage area giving the impression that they were protecting the stage so no one would be able to approach the front of the stage.

During his talk, Gregory stated that if the demands of the Negroes were not met, the Negroes would burn the country down. This brought a fair response from the white audience and a highly favorable reaction from the Negroes.

During his talk, Gregory made the following points:

Gregory stated that he would not give any solutions to the problems regarding Moral Decay in the Nation but he would only talk about "The Symptoms."

Gregory stated that Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown are very honest in everything that they say, and we should not criticize them because you do not hear any Negro talking about four white boys who left their ship in Japan and went to Moscow.

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Gregory stated that SNCC (Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee) were non violent in the beginning but nobody in the country would listen to them while they were being abused by the police and some Atlanta Crackers. He stated that the FBI have movies of what took place in the south when there were attempts to integrate schools, etc., but the FBI would not show them and they will never be shown, but if the Negroes were involved, they (the films) would be shown.

Gregory stated that his father was killed by some German in 1942 and that same German could come to this country and enjoy all the benefits, but that he, Gregory, living without a father for 25 years could not enjoy all the Freedoms offered in this country.

Gregory stated that H. "Rap" Brown said, "Nigger get yourself a gun," and everyone got upset. Gregory then said, "Why don't people get upset when they know that the Minutemen have guns and nothing is done about it," Gregory stated that if the Minutemen were so concerned, why don't you see them riding into Harlem in a Tank. Gregory stated that we all have a right to bear arms under the Constitution.

Gregory stated that he did not believe that we should be in Vietnam. He stated that we are spending billions of dollars in Vietnam for instant freedom and if one of those Vietnamese came to the United States, he could not live beside someone in this country because he would be killed.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Gregory stated that the colored fold should not listen to people who say that riots will only delay our cause. He, Gregory, stated that there were 6,000 Negroes hired in Detroit without any exam. The reason given for hiring the Negroes is that the fire was getting too close to the Mustangs.

Gregory stated that a flag is only a rag, and if he went out to buy a flag, he has the right to burn the flag because it is his own.

Gregory stated many things in reference to the Negro Heritage in this country, that they were toiling for 400 years and if they did not get what is coming to them they would burn the country down.

Gregory mostly talked about the moral decay in the country, and how the Negro was getting the short end of the stick. He stated that we should not worry about 10% of the population because we have a large Army, etc. but history shows that the oppressed will rule the oppressor. Gregory stated that the Negro is tired of waiting and wants what is coming to him now.

Gregory made reference to Rev. Martin Luther King with his non-violent demonstrations to warn the people what is coming. He made reference to the large demonstration King will hold in the Spring.

Gregory stated that we have not seen anything yet and that the country should wake up. Gregory stated that it is a sorry thing to see Congress make a compromise on a "Clean Meat Bill" after four months of debate and they do nothing about the Poverty Program.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RASSLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM

OO: CHICAGO

Re New York teletype to the Bureau, Atlanta, Chicago,  
and Newark dated 1/5/68, captioned "PROPOSED BLACK NATIONALIST  
MEETING, RENAISSANCE BALLROOM, HARLEM, NEW YORK CITY, 1/21/68;  
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Enclosed to the Bureau are 13 copies of a ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U) letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above, two copies of which have been designated for the [redacted] b7D This letterhead memorandum is being designated locally to the Office of the United States Attorney, Chicago; United States Secret Service, Chicago; and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois; and OSI and NISO, Chicago. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The enclosed letterhead memorandum sets forth [redacted]

This information was obtained from [redacted] Protect - Requested), [redacted] b6 b7C b7D advised that [redacted]

[redacted] ~~(S)~~ (U) It is noted that GREGORY, a Negro comedian-entertainer and civil rights activist, is currently maintained on the Chicago Rabble Rouser Index. While GREGORY has participated in numerous civil rights activities, he is also known for his opposition to United States Viet Nam war policies. In recent weeks GREGORY has also threatened to hold mass demonstrations on an around-the-clock basis in Chicago throughout the summer of 1968 in an effort to disrupt the Democratic National Convention, which is to be held in Chicago in August, 1968. u

[redacted] is being furnished to [redacted] b7D [redacted] for information purposes. Each office should remain alert to militant civil rights activity by GREGORY as well as any activity GREGORY might undertake relative to the Democratic National Convention and the Viet Nam war, and advise Chicago. ~~(S)~~ (U)

[redacted] b7D [redacted]

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Referenced communication sets forth information developed by New York Division reflecting that GREGORY is

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[REDACTED] Chicago sources have not corroborated this information to date. Inasmuch as GREGORY

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Boston Division is requested to furnish New York and Chicago any information that Boston may receive relative to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Chicago Division will continue to maintain contact with Chicago sources in an effort to determine if GREGORY [REDACTED]

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Atlanta Division is being furnished a copy of this communication for information purposes. [REDACTED]

Source referred to in letterhead memorandum is

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AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS. Will furnish Chicago any information developed by Boston relative to [REDACTED]

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DETROIT

AT YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN. Will furnish Chicago any information developed by Detroit Division relative to [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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January 11, 1968

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated January 3, 1968, captioned "Richard Claxton Gregory; Racial Matters," and "Possible Racial Incidents During Democratic National Convention, International Amphitheater, Chicago, Illinois, August, 1968; Racial Matters." U

On January 10, 1968, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished the following information setting forth [redacted]

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[redacted] Gregory is a Negro comedian-entertainer and civil rights activist who has been arrested on numerous occasions relative to his civil rights activity. (U) (C) (S)

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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On January 10, 1968, an article appearing in the "Chicago Tribune," a daily newspaper published in the Chicago area, in Section 1, Page 3, reflects that Gregory is planning another fast throughout the 40-day season of Lent. This fast is to protest the United States' involvement in the war in Viet Nam. It is to be noted that Gregory similarly fasted for a 40-day period from Thanksgiving, 1967 through January 3, 1968, protesting United States involvement in the Viet Nam war. U

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The following is a description of Gregory: U

Date of birth	October 12, 1932
Place of birth	St. Louis, Missouri
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Height	5'10"
Weight	173 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Characteristics	Wears mustache U

The above information is being furnished the following agencies: U

United States Attorney  
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service  
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th MI Group  
Evanston, Illinois

Office of Special Investigations  
Chicago, Illinois

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

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DATE January 17, 1968

Re Bureau letter to Chicago 1/10/68 captioned  
"WILLIAM RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY" and Chicago airtel  
to Director [redacted] u

Letterhead memorandum (LHM) enclosed with referenced  
airtel of [redacted] set forth [redacted]

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Referenced Bureau letter of January 10, 1968, stated that the Bureau desires that coverage of GREGORY be such that the Bureau is advised of his activities on a current basis. u

GREGORY is currently carried in the Rabble Rouser Index of the Chicago Office. u

For information of recipient offices, GREGORY's scheduled appearances are handled by the American Program Bureau, Boston, Mass., and they are, in turn, cleared through the Marvin Josephson Associates in New York City. u

As noted in referenced airtel and LHM, GREGORY has threatened to disrupt forthcoming Democratic Convention to be held at the Chicago Amphitheater in August, 1968. u

GREGORY is not known to have any specific organizational affiliations as far as civil rights activities are concerned, but he lends his support to various organizations active in the civil rights field. Review of his file indicates he makes frequent visits to New York City and has been active as a supporter and participant in NAACP Youth Council open housing marches in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, led by Father JAMES GROPP. u

Referenced Bureau letter of January 10, 1968, also requested Chicago to advise of coverage through informants and sources Chicago is able to provide for GREGORY. The following sources are acquainted with GREGORY and furnish information concerning his activities: [redacted]

Additionally, [redacted]

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[redacted] has advised, during [redacted] that [redacted] concerning [redacted] GREGORY's activities. u

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Information concerning [redacted]  
outlined in LHM enclosed with referenced airtel of  
[redacted] was provided by [redacted]

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[redacted]  
with GREGORY and has volunteered information concerning his  
activities [redacted]

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[redacted] also knows GREGORY and has furnished  
information concerning him. [redacted]

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Chicago will, in connection with its informant  
development program, attempt to develop additional sources  
knowledgeable concerning GREGORY.

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In connection with Bureau's desired coverage of  
GREGORY's activities, the following leads are set forth: *u*

LEADS

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. 1. Will advise the  
Bureau and Chicago of informant coverage available concerning  
GREGORY, since GREGORY is a frequent visitor to New York City.

2. Will advise if any coverage is available relative  
to the Marvin Josephson Associates in New York City and if not,  
determine feasibility of developing coverage since GREGORY  
reportedly arranges speaking engagements through this agency.

BOSTON

AT BOSTON, MASS. Will advise if any coverage is  
available concerning the American Program Bureau in Boston and  
if not, determine feasibility of developing coverage since this  
Bureau reportedly handles scheduling of speaking appearances by  
GREGORY.

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MILWAUKEE

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. Will advise Bureau and Chicago if any informant coverage is available concerning GREGORY in connection with his participation in open housing marches in Milwaukee. ~~C~~ (U)

OTHER RECIPIENT OFFICES.

Will furnish Bureau and Chicago information concerning [redacted] as noted in referenced airtel and LHM of [redacted] in form suitable for dissemination and attempt to develop any information concerning future travel plans or itinerary of GREGORY. ~~C~~ (U)

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It may be noted that the New York Office, under the caption "Proposed Black Nationalist Meeting, Renaissance Ballroom, Harlem, New York City, 1/21/68; RM" advised that GREGORY is supposed to be a speaker for a Black Nationalist type meeting in New York. If any information developed to substantiate GREGORY's appearance on January 21, 1968, same should be immediately furnished to the New York Office and also Chicago. New York file in that regard is 157-892. ~~C~~ (U)

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900PM DEFERRED 1-19-68 RMW

TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK

FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (157-2477) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, INFORMATION CONCERNING, RM. 00: CG  
PROPOSED BLACK NATIONALIST MEETING, RENAISSANCE BALLROOM, HARLEM,  
NEW YORK CITY, JANUARY TWENTYONE NEXT, RM. 00: NEW YORK.  
*Racial Matter*  
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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, CHICAGO, AND NEW YORK  
DATED JANUARY FIVE, LAST, UNDER SECOND CAPTION.

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"CHICAGO AMERICAN", MAJOR DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED CHICAGO  
REPORTED JANUARY NINETEEN INSTANT THAT ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT  
UPHELD CONVICTION OF DICK GREGORY AND THIRTYNINE OTHER CIVIL  
RIGHTS MARCHERS ON DISORDERLY CONDUCT CHARGES STEMMING FROM NINETEEN  
SIXTYFIVE ARRESTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MARCH ON CHICAGO MAYOR RICHARD  
DALEY'S HOME.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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FOLLOWS WITH DETAILS OF CONVICTION. DATE 1-18-80 BY 2842/cv

FOR INFORMATION OF NEW YORK CONCERNING SECOND CAPTION, SOURCES  
TODAY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CORROBORATE INFORMATION FROM NEW YORK  
SOURCES INDICATING THAT GREGORY WILL ATTEND BLACK NATIONALIST MEETING  
RENAISSANCE BALLROOM, HARLEM ON JANUARY TWENTYONE NEXT. IF CHICAGO  
RECEIVES SUCH INFORMATION, NEW YORK WILL IMMEDIATELY BE ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 1/22/68

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (157-226) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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(OO: Chicago)

Re Chicago letter to Director, 1/17/68.

Milwaukee has no informant coverage of GREGORY. Excellent source coverage of his appearances in Milwaukee on occasion in connection with Milwaukee Youth Council (MYC), NAACP, open-housing marches is afforded, however, through the [redacted] Milwaukee PD.

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It should be noted that since the commencement of daily open housing marches in August, 1967 GREGORY, on the occasions of his appearances in Milwaukee in connection therewith, is not known to have engaged in any activity other than with the MYC, NAACP.

Principal PD sources are [redacted] and [redacted]

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Date: 1/11/68

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DATE 1-9-80 BY 2842 PVD/ELW

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-new)(P)

RE: DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

On 1/11/68, [redacted] an established source [redacted] San Antonio, Texas, advised that DICK GREGORY is scheduled to appear on the St. Mary's campus on 2/6 or 7/68 to speak to the students. u

San Antonio files are negative concerning GREGORY with the exception of information appearing in report of SA [redacted] dated 2/16/66 at Chicago captioned COMINFIL-SDS, IS-C. Page 42 of that report quotes a magazine or newspaper article in which GREGORY is quoted as saying in a speech; "If Watts (Watts riot, Los Angeles, California) was wrong, we'd better go and burn all the American history books." u

San Antonio Police Department is aware of GREGORY's scheduled visit and has expressed interest in this visit. u

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The Bureau is requested to furnish San Antonio a characterization of GREGORY and any other pertinent information. u

LEADS:

CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES, AND NEW YORK

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Inasmuch as the Office of Origin in this case is not known to the San Antonio Office, this lead is being set forth for the above three offices since it would appear that one of these offices is origin. u

The Office of Origin is requested to furnish San Antonio any pertinent information concerning GREGORY and a characterization of him. u

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Date: 1/3/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via A I R T E L \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX (RRI))  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO  
CG file 157-347

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POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS  
DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION  
INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
AUGUST, 1968  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO  
CG file 157-2410

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DATE 1-9-80 BY 2842 PWD/ELW

Re Chicago teletype to the Director dated 1/2/68  
and Chicago airtel and LHM to the Director dated 12/27/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies  
of an LHM captioned and dated as above. This LHM is  
being disseminated locally to the United States Attorney,  
Chicago, United States Secret Service, Chicago, and  
Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston,  
Illinois.

ENCLOSURE EX 109

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Re LHM to Room 5718  
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Chicago source referred to in LHM is [redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago Police  
Department. Chicago is in the process of preparing  
a summary report relative to DICK GREGORY. Chicago  
will also continue to follow the activities of GREGORY,  
keeping the Bureau advised. u

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

January 3, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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 RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER 




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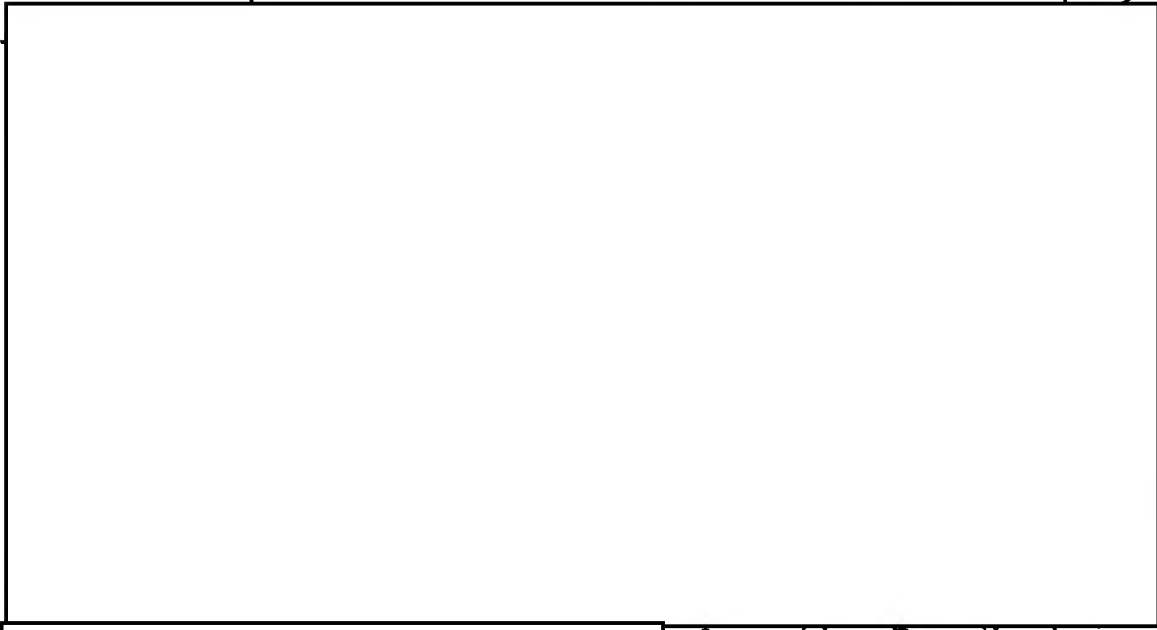

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Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated  
December 27, 1967, and captioned as above. *u*

On January 2, 1968, a source,   
 in the Chicago vicinity,  
advised that  *ell.*

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 Operation Breadbasket  
is the economic arm of Martin Luther King's  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which aims. *u*

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ENCLOSURE

are to seek fair employment opportunities for Negroes  
in ghetto areas. [REDACTED]

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The following newspaper articles pertain  
to the above indicated subject: u

1. An article captioned, "Gregory Tells  
Of Warning To LBJ On Rights," which  
appeared in the "Chicago Tribune,"  
a daily newspaper published in  
Chicago, Illinois, on January 3, 1968,  
page 10. u



# GREGORY TELLS OF WARNING TO LBJ ON RIGHTS

Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, announced yesterday he has sent a letter to President Johnson in which he threatened to disrupt the Democratic convention here next August unless five conditions are met.

The five conditions, disclosed by Gregory during a press conference, are:

1. Enactment of an open-housing bill for Chicago by the Chicago city council and protection to walk in any neighborhood in Chicago "without being jumped."

Hits March Injunction

2. Lifting of the injunction against Dr. Martin Luther King and others on marching demonstrations in the suburbs.

3. Appointment of a Negro to the top echelon of the police department.

4. A guarantee for the health and safety of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, originator of Operation Breadbasket, which Gregory said seeks to enforce fair employment practices in the black ghetto. Gregory said Jackson has received many threats on his life.

5. Highest pay in the nation for Chicago's police and firemen.

Gregory said that if the demands are not met, he will begin leading what he described as nonviolent demonstrations in May and that they will continue thru August.

Daley Is Quizzed

Mayor Daley was asked during a press conference in City hall if he had any plans to meet with Gregory.

"Who is he? I never heard of him," the mayor said.

Later in the day, Gregory

appeared at the mayor's office to submit the list of demands and spent one hour in a closed door discussion with Erwin France, a Negro administrative assistant to the mayor. Gregory emerged from the conference, saying the two had discussed his demands without hostility.

Gregory also said yesterday that he is drinking small amounts of soup after ending a 40-day fast New Year's day in protest against the war in Viet Nam.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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DATE: 1-3-68

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2. An article captioned, "Gregory Sends Ultimatum To Johnson," which appeared in the "Chicago Sun-Times," a daily newspaper published in Chicago, dated January 3, 1968, page 20. u

# Gregory Sends Ultimatum To Johnson

By David Murray

Negro comedian Dick Gregory presented President Johnson and Mayor Daley with a five-point ultimatum and said that if the demands are not met, he will lead 24-hour-a-day demonstrations before and during the Democratic National Convention next summer.

In a letter to Mr. Johnson, with a copy to the mayor, Gregory said Chicago's record on civil rights is "among the worst in the country."

He called the selection of Chicago as a convention site "a cruel insult to the millions of deprived citizens, black and white, who have always supported progressive Democratic political platforms, which promised federal improvement of unspeakable economic, housing, educational and health conditions.

## Demands Listed

Gregory's demands called for a "strong" open-occupancy ordinance to be passed by the City Council; lifting of the injunction imposed on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other leaders which limit demonstrations in the streets; police protection for the Rev. Jesse Jackson, leader of Operation Breadbasket, who, according to Gregory, has received threats on his life, and placing of Negroes in top positions in the police and fire departments as part of a program which also would involve raising police and firemen's salaries.

Gregory told a press confer-

ence at the Knickerbocker Hotel that if "these first steps toward an all-out effort to solve Chicago scandalous, racial problems are not taken, then I personally will take to the streets to lead nonviolent demonstrations which will make it possible for the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago only over my dead body."

## Hits At Daley

Gregory said that the choice of Chicago by the Democrats "is as if it were an endorse-

ment for the repressive administration of the local Democratic machine of Mayor Daley."

Gregory later went to Daley's office in City Hall to present the mayor with a copy of the letter. He was told the mayor was not in. He met with Erwin France, the mayor's housing aide.

Before the meeting, Daley was asked at his press conference about Gregory's threats to disrupt next summer's convention.

"Dick Gregory?" Daley

said. "I don't know anything about him. Who's he? I never heard of him."

CHICAGO SUN TIMES

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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EDITOR: EMMETT DEDMON

EDITION: GREEN DIAMOND



Dick Gregory warns of massive demonstrations unless demands of Chicago's Negroes are met. (Sun-Times Photo)

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3. An article captioned, "Gregory Issues LBJ Ultimatum," which appeared in the "Chicago Sun-Times," a daily newspaper published in Chicago, dated January 3, 1968, page 10. u

## CITY BEAT

# Gregory Issues LBJ Ultimatum

By John Adam Moreau

Comedian Dick Gregory elaborated for President Johnson's benefit Tuesday a New Year's resolution to disrupt the Democratic National Convention here in August. He would disrupt the convention by round-the-clock demonstrations if certain demands on civil rights issues are not satisfied.

Gregory, who ended a 40-day fast Sunday night, wrote the President a five-point ultimatum declaring that Chicago's record on civil rights "is among the worst in the country." Selection of Chicago, he contended, is "a cruel insult to the millions of deprived citizens, black and white, who have always supported progressive Democratic political platforms which promised federal improvement of unspeakable economic, housing, educational and health conditions."

Gregory's demands were for a "strong fair-housing law enacted by City Council; lifting the injunction which limits civil rights marches; police protection for the Rev. Jesse Jackson, head of Operation Breadbasket, who Gregory said has been threatened; appointing Negroes to high positions in the fire and police departments and raising pay in those departments."

Gregory's letter, a copy of which went to Mayor Daley, said the selection of Chicago "is as if it were an endorsement for the repressive administration of the local Democratic machine of . . . Daley."

Gregory once picketed the mayor's house and when asked Tuesday about the comedian's letter Daley gave about the same answer as on a dozen or so times before when asked about Gregory: "Who's he? I don't know anything about him."

CHICAGO SUN TIMES

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

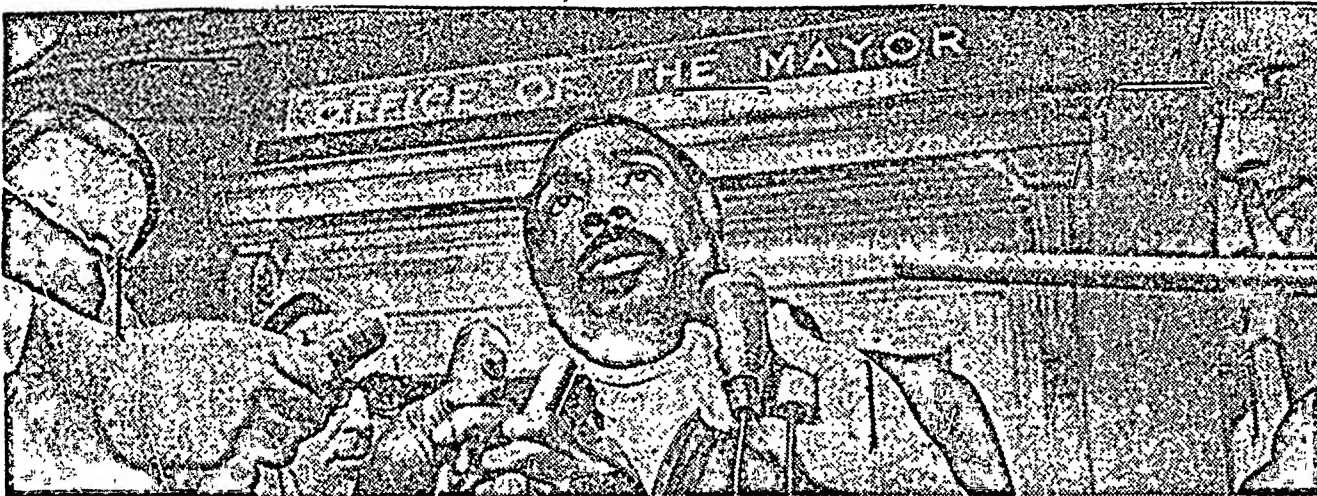
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CHICAGO OFFICE



Dick Gregory talks to reporters outside the mayor's office about threatened disruption of the Democratic National Convention. (Sun-Times Photo)

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This information is being furnished to the  
following agencies: U

United States Attorney, Chicago  
United States Secret Service, Chicago  
Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group,  
Evanston, Illinois. U



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TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO

ATTN. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISON

FROM NEW YORK 157-

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY - RM

CONFIDENTIAL AND RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED THIS DATE GREGORY



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NO OTHER DETAILS REGARDING [REDACTED] KNOWN.

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ORIG: MR. SULLIVAN

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FBI NEW YORK

7-30 PM URGENT 1-22-68 JVD

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND CHICAGO (157-347)

ATT-DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK (157-1093)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY AKA, RM (OO-CHICAGO)

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RELIABLE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED GREGORY

SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED THIS DATE THAT

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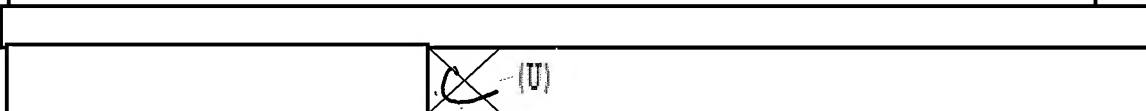
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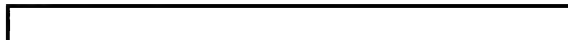
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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and 11 copies of LHM captioned as above and 2 FD-376's. Two (2) copies of LHM furnished Chicago. LHM classified "~~Confidential~~" due to source used in describing [redacted]. The unauthorized disclosure of source would be detrimental to national security. Investigation in LHM conducted by SAs [redacted]

BY: [redacted]  
The source referred to in LHM is [redacted]

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 17, 1968

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Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
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3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
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  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
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January 17, 1968

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PEACE COMMITTEE  
SPEECH BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
JANUARY 15, 1968  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS

On the evening of January 15, 1968, at approximately 9:15 p.m. some members of the student body at Southern Illinois University (SIU), estimated number of approximately 1,200, assembled in the Ladies Gymnasium to hear a speech by RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. [redacted] Security Officer, who furnished the above information, stated that a fairly accurate attendance was noted by him and his officers present, and he further commented that only about 200 Negroes attended.

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[redacted] <sup>SI</sup> stated that GREGORY was introduced to the assembly by WILLIAM JAMES MOFFETT, who has been a moving factor in the Southern Illinois Peace Committee at SIU. *SI*

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A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on September 15, 1967. [redacted]

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[redacted] A characterization of the Young Socialist Alliance appears in the appendix section of this memorandum.

According to [redacted] GREGORY's opening remarks were humorous, dealing with Negro problems in which he referred to himself as a "nigger." GREGORY's basic theme was that the Negro people in the U. S. have been persecuted for 400 years and that they have had enough. He commented that the Federal Government has been lying to the people

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SPEECH BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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and that the white man society is the ruination of the black man and that it was white man's fault for any riots that have occurred. GREGORY stated that he is nonviolent but that he refuses to tell the black man in the U. S. to put down his "stick." GREGORY went on to cite examples of police brutality in Mississippi which occurred six years ago when the police beat blacks into the gutter and the FBI stood by and took pictures that were never published.

GREGORY continued by mocking American history emphasizing that in the Declaration of Independence it stated that if the system established breaks down it should be abolished and destroyed. GREGORY implied that the study of American history was useless because it is lies. He scorned the white persons in the audience and the country who came from the North to march in demonstrations in the South, calling them hypocrites because they did not take a Negro into their home if the opportunity arose.

GREGORY commented that RAP BROWN and STOKLEY CARMICHAEL, in his opinion, are being honest in what they say and that the "whities" do not like them because they go to a foreign country and spread the truth. GREGORY commented that "RAP" and STOKLEY were once nonviolent demonstrators but got fed up with white violence.

At this point GREGORY alluded to the recently discussed law with regard to destruction of the American flag and he commented that the American flag was merely a piece of cloth and that if he wanted to burn it no one was going to stop him. He further stated that the "blacks" are coming on strong and their day is coming." GREGORY stated further he was against the Government's confiscation of guns and ammunition from the blacks and not the same action against such groups as the Minutemen.

GREGORY also criticized the system in the U. S. where a Russian exchange student can come over to this country and live in a white neighborhood where a black man, American, would not be welcome. GREGORY also stated an example of discrimination is in the U. S. Army and stated that a black man in the Army is asked to give up his life for a country that will forever refer to him insultingly as "boy."

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PEACE COMMITTEE  
SPEECH BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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GREGORY closed his comments by stating that the day is coming when the white man must pay for the wrongs they have inflicted on the black man and that the day is coming soon.

[ ] commented that prior to and following the talk by GREGORY there were no incidents of any type. He also stated that it was his opinion that the many white persons in the audience were somewhat "taken back" by the continual criticism of the white man by GREGORY and the hypocritical actions of certain white groups.

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PEACE COMMITTEE  
SPEECH BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The May, 1960, issue of the "Young Socialist" (YS), page 1, column 3, disclosed that during April 15-17, 1960, a national organization entitled "The Young Socialist Alliance" (YSA) was established at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This issue stated that this organization was formed by the nationwide supporter clubs of the publication YS.

The above issue, page 6, set forth the Foudning Declaration of the YSA. This declaration stated that the YSA recognizes the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) as the only existing political leadership on class struggle principles, and that the supporters of the YS have come into basic political solidarity with the CSWP on the principles of revolutionary socialism.

On March 10, 1967, a source advised that the YSA was formed during 1957, by youth of various left socialist tendencies, particularly members and followers of the SWP. The source further advised that the YSA has recently become more open about admitting that it is the youth group of the SWP and that an SWP representative has publicly stated that the YSA is the SWP's youth group.

The headquarters of the YSA are located in Rooms 532-536, 41 Union Square West, New York City.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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SPEECH BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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PROPOSED BLACK NATIONALIST MEETING,  
RENAISSANCE BALLROOM,  
HARLEM, NEW YORK CITY,  
JANUARY 21, 1968

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Re Chicago teletype to Director and New York  
dated 1/19/68, captioned as above. u

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an  
LHM captioned "RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY RM." u

This LHM is being disseminated locally to the  
USA, Chicago, U. S. Secret Service, Chicago, and Region 1,  
113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois. u

A copy of this LHM is being submitted to the  
New York Office for information purposes concerning second  
caption matter. Chicago is placing this case in RUC status  
inasmuch as Chicago sources were not able to corroborate  
information from New York sources indicating that GREGORY was  
to address captioned Black Nationalist Meeting. u

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Chicago, Illinois

January 23, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
RACIAL MATTER

The January 20, 1968, edition of the "Chicago Sun Times," a daily newspaper published in Chicago, reported the following article relative to Richard Claxton Gregory. *u*

Gregory is a Negro nightclub comedian and Civil Rights activist, who has been arrested on numerous occasions relative to his Civil Rights activity. More recently, Gregory has threatened to disrupt the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago in August, 1968, by means of around-the-clock demonstrations. *u*

One copy each of this memorandum is being furnished to the following agencies: *u*

United States Secret Service *u*  
Chicago, Illinois

United States Attorney *u*  
Chicago, Illinois

Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group *u*  
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# ***Uphold Gregory Conviction In March On Daley Home***

By Burnelle Heinecke

Sun-Times Bureau

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — The Illinois Supreme Court Friday upheld the 1965 conviction of Negro comedian Dick Gregory and 39 other civil rights demonstrators for refusing to obey police orders to leave the area of Chicago Mayor Daley's home during a near riot.

Justice Byron O. House wrote the unanimous opinion for the court, which did not pass on the question of whether an official's residence may be picketed but dwelt instead on the police right to act to prevent imminent violence.

Justice Daniel P. Ward, who was Cook County state's attorney at the time of the demonstrations, abstained from participation in the case.

**Fined \$200 Each**

Gregory and his followers were fined \$200 each for violating the Chicago disorderly conduct ordinance. In the appeal to the high court, Gregory's counsel argued the ordinance is unconstitutionally vague as applied to free expression and free assembly.

The court, reviewing the events of the march from Buckingham Fountain to Mayor Daley's home at 3536 S.

Lowe, declared "under the circumstances of this case, defendants were not denied any right of free speech, free assembly or freedom to petition for redress of grievance."

The protest march was staged to persuade Daley to act to remove Benjamin C. Willis as Chicago public school superintendent.

As a mob of more than 1,000 persons gathered in the Bridgeport neighborhood at the end of the march, rocks and eggs were thrown.

The police commander at the scene requested Gregory about six times to lead the marchers away because the situation was becoming dangerous, the court was told. The court noted that any marchers leaving were promised police protection against the hostile crowd. Those who remained, including Gregory, were arrested for refusal to obey the request.

"The record is clear," Justice House wrote, "that there was some violence and an imminent threat of extreme public disorder."

"Where the police have made all reasonable efforts to protect the demonstrators and have requested that the demonstration stop after explaining the request, and the request is refused, an arrest is proper."

"The rights of free speech were not violated. Under the ordinance the defendants are guilty of disorderly conduct in refusing to obey the police request."



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FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 5

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE TELEPHONE CALL BUREAU SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] JANUARY 21

LAST RE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED, SOURCES THERE, AS WELL AS HERE, IMMEDIATELY  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Title of Case <b>RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka Dick Gregory</b>		Report made by <b>SA [redacted]</b>	Typed By: <b>mr [redacted]</b>
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Bureau letter to Chicago dated 1/10/68.  
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## ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU (3)

Two (2) copies of FD-376 concerning RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY and one (1) photograph of GREGORY.

## LEADS

SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. Will check records at Secretary of State, Motor Vehicle Department for Drivers

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Registration and/or Motor Vehicle Registration relative to GREGORY. U

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

1. Will check indices for background information relative to GREGORY.
2. Will conduct credit and criminal investigation relative to GREGORY.
3. Will review records of the Military Personnel Records Center for possible prior service record of GREGORY.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was approved by the Bureau for inclusion on the RRI on 9/2/67.

Chicago files in this matter reflect that GREGORY has frequently contacted individuals in New York City. Chicago files do not contain sufficient information to characterize these individuals. Therefore, by separate communication, New York Division is being furnished the names of these individuals and a lead is being set forth requesting that New York identify and advise Chicago concerning their relationship with GREGORY. An info copy of this report is being furnished New York.

The Chicago files do not contain sufficient information to subversively characterize the following organizations:

1. Veterans for Peace in Viet Nam.
2. National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Viet Nam.

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January 26, 1968

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Character: SECURITY MATTER - BLACK NATIONALIST

Synopsis:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, born 10/12/32, at St. Louis, Missouri, resides at 1451 E. 55th Street, apartment 929, Chicago, Illinois. GREGORY is employed as night club comedian-entertainer. In 6/64, GREGORY was in Moscow, U.S.S.R. Records of Passport Office, US Department of State reflect GREGORY's departure date as 6/14/64, for 7-day visit to France, Germany, E. Germany, and Russia for the purpose of attending "World Peace Mission." In 12/66, GREGORY attempted to secure entrance into Hanoi, North Vietnam, to entertain U.S. war prisoners. This trip was turned down by the North Vietnamese. In 3/67, the CP of Illinois gave support to GREGORY in his mayoral campaign in Chicago. GREGORY's contact with civil rights organizations set forth. Source has indicated GREGORY is not member of civil rights organizations, but supports many such organizations. On 8/5-6/67, GREGORY addressed a crowd during a Hiroshima Rally in Atlanta, Georgia. During this address he urged crowd to "paralyze the economy" of this country in order to stop the war in Vietnam. He further called for a boycott of the automobile industry in order to "reach the capitalists who run this country and benefit from the Vietnam war." GREGORY has threatened to disrupt the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago in 8/68. In this respect he has presented the City of Chicago with five demands. On 9/1/67, while addressing a Black Power convention rally in Chicago, GREGORY stated that racism and capitalism are synonymous and must go out together, by revolutionary means if necessary. He further stated "Damn the American flag. Instead of saluting the flag you people should salute your black brothers."

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This investigation was predicated upon the receipt of the following information from sources who have provided reliable information in the past.

On August 5, 1967, DICK GREGORY addressed a Hiroshima Rally in Atlanta, Georgia. During this address GREGORY urged the crowd to "paralyze the economy" of the nation in order to stop the Viet Nam War. He called for a boycott of the automobile industry in order to reach the "Capitalists who run this country and benefit from the Viet Nam War." He further called for the disruption of the telephone service in an effort to "inconvenience" organizations having a hand in national defense.

On September 1, 1967, while addressing a black power convention rally in Chicago, GREGORY stated that racism and capitalism are synonymous and must go out together by revolutionary means if necessary. During this same address GREGORY stated "damn the American flag. Instead of saluting the flag you people should salute your black brothers."

In December, 1967, GREGORY threatened to disrupt the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago in August, 1968. Gregory issued a series of five demands to the city of Chicago, saying that if these demands were not met by city officials the Convention would be held in Chicago "over my dead body."

The following organizations mentioned in this report which have not been cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450 are characterized in the appendix section of this report:

Socialist Workers Party, Chicago Branch  
Organization of Afro-American Unity, Inc.  
Muslim Mosque, Inc.  
Nation of Islam  
Modern Teens  
Washington Park Forum

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I. BACKGROUND

Date of Birth

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was born on October 12, 1932, at St. Louis, Missouri.

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Residence

RICHARD GREGORY resides at 1451 East 55th Street, Apartment 929, Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1, 1/9/68) ~~(S)~~ (u)

Employment

Since 1958, GREGORY has been employed as a night club comedian-entertainer. GREGORY publicly acknowledges that his break in the entertainment field came in 1961, with his appearance at the Chicago Playboy Club. More recently GREGORY has derived a major portion of his income by engaging in speaking tours at various colleges and Universities in the United States. In respect to his entertainment activities, GREGORY is president of DICK GREGORY Enterprises located at 79 West Monroe Street, Suite 712, Chicago, Illinois, which was incorporated in the State of Illinois, on March 31, 1961.

(CG T-2, 1/11/68) ~~(S)~~ (u)

Education

GREGORY graduated from Summer High School, St. Louis, Missouri. GREGORY attended Southern Illinois University, where he subsequently graduated. In 1953 GREGORY was voted outstanding athlete of Southern Illinois University.

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Marital Status

Marriage License No. [ ] on file at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Chicago, Illinois, reflects RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was married to [ ] who was born on [ ] in [ ] on [ ] in Chicago, Illinois. The [ ] who is the father of [ ] presided over the ceremony. [ ]

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1451 East 55th St, Chicago, Ill.  
Credit

Apt. 979  
On January 8, 1968, the files of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, were checked at the request of Investigative Clerk (IC) [ ] This office maintains the file on DICK GREGORY, 1451 East 55th Street, Chicago, and the following is reflected:

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A Judgment on June 9, 1966, against DICK GREGORY Enterprises, Inc., and DICK GREGORY for the amount of \$7,527.50, no disposition or further information is reflected.

A Judgment on January 28, 1966, for the amount of \$323.00 reported against GREGORY by Hertz Rent-A-Car, no disposition is reflected.

A Judgment on February 15, 1967, for the amount of \$302.05 against DICK GREGORY by Pacific Telephone Company, no disposition is reflected.

A Judgment on April 7, 1965, against DICK GREGORY for the amount of \$207.79 by the Sheraton Blackstone Corporation, no disposition is reflected.

A Judgment on August 17, 1965, against DICK GREGORY for the amount of \$388.38 by Burelles Press Clipping Company, no disposition reflected.

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Arrests

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The records of the Records and Communications Center, Chicago Police Department, were checked by IC JACK RAY RIDENHOUR on January 9, 1968, and the following is reflected:

On May 6, 1963, GREGORY was arrested at Birmingham, Alabama, and charged with parading without a permit.

On March 1, 1964, GREGORY was arrested by the San Francisco, California Police Department, charged with criminal contempt for law order, charges were dismissed.

On February 16, 1965, DICK GREGORY was arrested by the Selma, Alabama Police Department, on charges of disorderly conduct, no disposition is reflected.

On June 8, 1965, GREGORY was arrested by the Chicago Police Department, charged with disorderly conduct, no disposition is reflected.

On June 11, 1965, GREGORY was arrested by Chicago Police Department, charged with battery, no disposition is reflected.

On August 2, 1965, GREGORY was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and breach of peace, disposition is reflected as \$200 fine for disorderly conduct charges and \$200 for breach of peace charges.

Identification Record

The files of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Washington, D.C., reflected the following under FBI No. 796 519E:

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Police Department Birmingham, Alabama	DICK GREGORY #119457	May 6, 1963	parading without permit	
Police Department San Francisco California	DICK GREGORY #190584	March 1, 1964	J-14270 Section 166.4 Penal Code (criminal contempt disobey law ordered by Court)	dismissed
Police Department Selma, Alabama	DICK CLAXTON GREGORY #11178	February 16, 1965	disorderly conduct	
Cook County Jail Chicago Illinois	RICHARD C. GREGORY #361540	June 8, 1965	12-3 193-1	
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	RICHARD C. GREGORY #104815	June 8, 1965	disorderly	
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	DICK C. GREGORY #104815	June 11, 1965	battery	
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	DICK GREGORY #104815	finger- printed August 2, 1965	disorderly	200 and no 200 and no on charge of disorder- ly Breach of Peace
House of Correction Chicago, Illinois	DICK GREGORY #65-13150	November 15, 1965	193-1 disorderly conduct	2 cases \$200 fine \$200 total \$400 fine

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<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Sheriff's Office Olympia Washington	RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY #50126	February 15, 1966	unlawful use of set net for fishing for game fish to-wit steelhead in two counts (Nisqually River)	
Sheriff's Office Olympia Washington	RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY #50171	March 1, 1966	aiding and abetting in setting a gill net capable of taking a game fish	
PD Milwaukee Wis.	DICK GREGORY #108750	10/8/67	disorderly (civil rights)	\$100 & costs 11/22/67

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Foreign Travel

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A source advised that as of June 21, 1964, GREGORY was then visiting Moscow, U.S.S.R. ~~(C)~~ (U)

(CG T-3, [6/21/64]) ~~(C)~~ (U)

The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C. were checked on December 13, 1965, and the following was reflected:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was issued Passport No. E500889 on June 12, 1964, at New York. At that time GREGORY indicated his approximate departure date as June 14, 1964, via Air France for seven days to France, Germany, East Germany and Russia. The purpose of the trip was to attend the "World Peace Mission." GREGORY indicated his permanent residence as 1451 East 55th Street, Apartment 929, Chicago, Illinois.

On February 10, 1966, CG T-4 advised that GREGORY does not schedule visits to Canada regularly. He has performed for Theatrical Attractions 174 Front Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in the past. This agency booked him for appearances three times in Toronto, twice in Windsor and once in Winnipeg. GREGORY maintains no booking agent in Canada. ~~(C)~~ (U)

(CG T-4, [2/10/66]) ~~(C)~~ (U)

GREGORY appeared at the Cave Theater Residence, Vancouver British Columbia, Canada, from January 19, through 29, 1966. While in Vancouver, GREGORY stayed at the Georgia Hotel, 801 West Georgia Street. ~~(C)~~ (U)

(CG T-4, 3/18/66) ~~(C)~~ (U)

The August 10, 1966, edition of the "Windsor Star", a local newspaper published in Windsor, Canada, reported that DICK GREGORY was currently appearing at the Top Hat Supper Club in Downtown Windsor.

On November 14, 1966, the 4 Star Final edition of the "Chicago Sun-Times", a daily newspaper published in the Chicago area contained an article disclosing that DICK GREGORY had announced his intentions to visit United States war prisoners in North Viet Nam during the forthcoming.

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On December 2, 1966, "Chicago Tribune", a daily newspaper published in Chicago, reported that inquiries by such newspaper at the London Office of BERTRAND RUSSELL revealed that a North Vietnamese visa is awaiting GREGORY in Paris.

BERTRAND RUSSELL is the internationally known British philosopher-pacifist who recently conducted mock war trials in Copenhagen employing the United States as a defendant for its involvement in the Viet Nam war.

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On December 1, 1966, DICK GREGORY held a press conference relative to his proposed Vietnamese trip. At such time GREGORY stated he would seek no information about the condition of the American prisoners, and numbers, or their location while in North Viet Nam. GREGORY stated that he did not want to know anything about the war.

(CG T-1, 12/2/66) (u)

On December 10, 1966, DICK GREGORY held a press conference at the Village Gate, an entertainment spot in Greenwich Village, New York City. GREGORY advised that he was notified by BERTRAND RUSSELL that his planned trip to Hanoi, North Viet Nam, to entertain United States prisoners-of-war had been turned down by the North Vietnamese. The reason given was the extensive bombing of North Viet Nam by United States Forces. DICK GREGORY stated that he sent a telegram to the Hanoi Government advising that he was not interested in political affairs, but was primarily concerned with the entertaining of United States prisoners-of-war in North Viet Nam. DICK GREGORY further stated that he is not a Communist and would never be one.

(CG T-5, 12/10/66) (u)

On April 13, 1967, DICK GREGORY arrived in London, England, from Chicago. GREGORY intended to remain in London until April 30, 1967. The purpose of his visit was to engage in television appearances.

(CG T-6, 4/26/67) (u)

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## II. CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) OF ILLINOIS

CG T-7 advised on January 19, 1968, that the leadership of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, considers DICK GREGORY as being incorrigible and unstable. This source added that the CP leadership would like to control, guide and direct GREGORY, however, they believe that this aspect is not possible. ~~(S)~~ (U)

(CG T-7, 1/19/68) ~~(S)~~ (U)

On January 24, 1968, CG T-8 advised that the CP would like to use GREGORY but inasmuch as they consider him to be unpredictable and uncontrollable they made no particular effort to contact him. The Party does, however, feel that GREGORY has a certain nuisance value to the Party. From a political standpoint the Illinois CP leadership donot take GREGORY seriously. ~~(S)~~ (U)

(CG T-8, 1/24/68) ~~(S)~~ (U)

On March 8, 1967, a meeting of the Political Action Committee of the Communist Party of Illinois was held in Chicago, Illinois. Discussion at this meeting was centered around the forthcoming mayoral election in Chicago. In this respect discussion was held concerning the CP giving full support to DICK GREGORY's independent write-in campaign for the office of Mayor of Chicago. There was some question as to how the Party could effect this support, however, it was agreed by those present that the Party should issue a statement in support of GREGORY's campaign. A sub-committee was formed consisting of four members who were to draw-up a statement which would reflect CP support for GREGORY's mayoral campaign. It was also discussed at this meeting that the Party should try to come up with some real issues in this campaign, in that he, GREGORY, should propose a definite program which would be attractive to the voters of Chicago. ~~(S)~~ (U)

[(CG T-9, 3/10/67)] ~~(S)~~ (U)

## III. MISCELLANEOUS

### The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC)

On September 18, 1966, the ECLC held a forum on Selective Service at the Ethical Cultural Auditorium, 2 West 64th Street, New York, New York, DICK GREGORY attended this

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forum and acted as moderator. GREGORY stated that when he was drafted into the Army during World War II, he was not aware enough to protest. Now he felt that the Army should serve only as a social function to help underprivileged and to be used to clean up areas after national disasters such as hurricanes. He stated that America is worth dying for; America is not worth killing for. (u)

[CG T-10, 9/19/66] (u)

On July 30, 1967, ECLC held a meeting at 54 Bungalow Walk, Ocean Beach, Fire Island, New York. About 70 persons attended this meeting. DICK GREGORY spoke at this meeting. He stated that according to the "New York Times" the troops in Viet Nam at night have their ammunition taken away from them because of the race riots among United States troops. He stated that this is the reason that the Viet Cong attacks have been so successful at night. He also attacked the American people on racism and anti-semitism. He attacked Jewish people for their racism and weakness to fight anti-semitism. GREGORY stated that the Negro can win over capitalism by putting five million stickers reading "out of order" on every phone booth. The Negro could thereby reduce the world's largest corporation to their knees. Negroes then might force the Government to give Negroes their rights. Concerning the various acts of Congress civil rights legislation, GREGORY said "we'll give the white man all these laws, just give the Negro his constitutional rights". (u)

Concerning the riots, GREGORY stated that the Negro justifies the burning of whiteman's properties in order to attack the large insurance companies. (u)

[CG T-10, 7/31/67] (u)

The ECLC is an organization with headquarters in New York whose purpose is to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The House Committee on Un-American Activities found that a number of individuals connected with the ECLC were identified as Communists.

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Washington Park Forum

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On June 6, 1965, a meeting of the Washington Park Forum was held in Washington Park, Chicago. Approximately 250 people attended. DICK GREGORY was among the speakers at this meeting. He urged all who attended to demonstrate at City Hall in Chicago, against BENJAMIN WILLIS, Superintendent of Public Schools, Chicago. He also said that Mayor DALEY's machine must be opposed. (u)

(CG T-11, 6/9/65) (u)

On June 13, 1965, a meeting of the Washington Park Forum was held in Washington Park, Chicago. Among those who spoke at this meeting was DICK GREGORY. GREGORY stated that demonstrations would continue against BENJAMIN WILLIS, Superintendent of Public Schools in Chicago. GREGORY also compared the Chicago Police Department with police departments in Alabama and Mississippi in their brutal methods of handling Negroes. (u)

(CG T-11, 6/17/65) (u)

On July 24, 1966, a meeting of the Washington Park Forum was held in Washington Park, Chicago. DICK GREGORY was the main speaker at this affair. GREGORY talked about teenage gangs in Chicago and stated that these gangs should stop shooting each other and to begin to treat each other with respect and to work for the better ideals of helping the Negro cause. Concerning the riots on Chicago's West Side, GREGORY stated that the papers called this a riot but it was not a riot but rather a handful of individuals who are disillusioned with conditions in Chicago. GREGORY stated that the riot was caused when police officers turned off fire hydrants where a handful of people were cooling off. GREGORY stated that fire hydrants were not turned off in the Italian neighborhood several blocks away but were only turned off in Negro neighborhoods. (u)

(CG T-11, 7/27/66) (u)

Socialist Workers Party SWP)

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[ On February 15, 1966, CG T-12 made available the following letter:

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February 7, 1966  
Seattle, Washington

To the Plenum of the National Committee

Dear Comrades,

I believe that a very important mass political development of the present period in the North will be the election campaign of Dick Gregory for mayor of Chicago.

By virtue of our associations in the Negro community in Seattle, I was able to organize two important functions involving him as the central figure during his current professional engagement here, and I have had an opportunity to have some political discussions with him.

Since Watts, Gregory has become increasingly radical and uncompromising. His campaign, which will begin publically in a few months, will be a clearly independent political campaign designed to secure 95% of the Negro vote in Chicago. He plans a direct assault on the Establishment, and hopes to develop a permanent political organization expressing this program which will enter into politics on a national scale, for the purpose of destroying the Democratic political machine in the ghetto. u

He is thus embarking upon an unambiguously independent and implicitly revolutionary course with an apparatus which he has already been able to build. His campaign will be a factor to be reckoned with in national politics; it will essentially constitute Black political action, for his primary objective is to unite the Negro community around a program of struggle. The campaign could provide a likely foundation for the realization of Trotsky's prediction that the militant Negroes will become a vanguard of the working class.

I urge you to prepare to mobilize the entire SWP for all-out support of this development.

Comradely,

S/ R. Kirk

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The above letter is signed R. KIRK. R. KIRK is identical with RICHARD FRASER, SWP National Committee member who attended the SWP plenum held February 11 - February 13, 1966 in New York City. Washington

[CG T-13, 1/19/68] (u)

On April 24, 1967, the Chicago SWP Branch Membership Committee met at 302 South Canal Street, Chicago. At this meeting the Political Committee of the SWP voted against allowing the Chicago Branch of the SWP to endorse DICK GREGORY's campaign for mayor. (u)

[CG T-13, 4/5/67] (u)

#### IV. CONTACT WITH CIVIL RIGHTS TYPE ORGANIZATIONS

On January 8, 1968, CG T-14 [redacted] DICK GREGORY advised that GREGORY does not belong to any civil rights type organization. This source stated that while GREGORY is not an actual member of this type of group he actually supports all organizations whose purposes lie in the area of civil rights. In this respect the source pointed out that GREGORY has shown the support for many organizations by conducting pickets, leading demonstrations, participating in rallies, and speaking at meetings and the like on behalf of civil rights groups. (u)

#### ACT

On August 13, 1964, a rally sponsored by ACT was held at the Packinghouse Workers Hall, 4859 South Wabash, Chicago. 1500 people attended this rally. GREGORY, the principal speaker at the rally, stated that law enforcement agencies in the United States were not using their powers to guarantee Negroes' rights under the law.

[CG T-15, 8/18/64] (u)

On November 29, 1964, a fund raising affair sponsored by ACT was held at Walters Corner, 2736 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago. This affair was considered a financial flop because of faulty arrangements of portions of the program. [redacted] was responsible for arranging this affair. (u)

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GREGORY was recognized as one of the featured entertainers. (u)

(CG T-16, 12/9/64) (u)

On October 15, 1965, it was learned ACT was anticipating receiving a sizable contribution from DICK GREGORY following DICK GREGORY's appearance at the Blue Angel, a Chicago, Illinois night club. (u)

(CG T-17, 10/15/65) (u)

[redacted] is [redacted] of ACT. [redacted] promoted and led demonstrations and school boycotts in Chicago in 1965 and 1966, and he was arrested on several occasions for his actions.

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(CG T-1, 2/28/66) (u)

ACT is a militantly oriented civil rights group principally active in Chicago's West and near South Sides. Individuals who are affiliated with ACT have associated with "black power" groups in Chicago. ACT members participated in numerous civil rights demonstrations during the summer of 1965 which resulted in the arrest of some of its leaders. During the riots in Chicago in July, 1966, 20 ACT members were arrested while making molotov cocktails in the residence of one of the ACT leaders. As of September, 1966, ACT became inactive.

(CG T-1, 12/12/67) (u)

Coordinating Council of  
Community Organizations (CCCO)

On September 19, 1963, a meeting of the CCCO was held at the Packinghouse Workers Hall, 4859 South Wabash, Chicago.

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Approximately 300 persons attended this rally. GREGORY was listed among those who were to speak at the rally. GREGORY spoke concerning some of his experiences in the South working to break down segregation barriers. He pointed out that in the North segregation is as prominent as in the South. GREGORY stated that Northern schools are just as segregated as in the South. He further stated that Northern discrimination is more subtle among whites than the discrimination in the South. He urged all Negroes to work for the cause of civil rights and criticized those who only wanted good times and do nothing to work for their race.

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On February 23, 1964, a mass rally sponsored by CCCO was held at the Packing House Union, 4859 South Wabash, Chicago. This rally was held in connection with Chicago Public School boycott scheduled for February 25, 1964. The CCCO was urging parents to keep their children home from school February 25, 1964, as a means of voicing a protest against Chicago Superintendent BENJAMIN WILLIS and a protest against the Board of Education for its alleged failure to eliminate de facto racial segregation in Chicago's public schools. Approximately 300 people attended this rally. DICK GREGORY was among the speakers. GREGORY related details concerning his various arrests on behalf of the civil rights movement throughout the country.

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On January 3, 1965, a CCCO sponsored meeting was held at the Packinghouse Workers Hall, 4859 South Wabash, Chicago. This meeting was held to map plans for a City-wide boycott of Chicago's public schools on June 10 and June 11, 1965. DICK GREGORY was recognized as being in attendance. ~~(U)~~

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On June 6, 1965, a meeting sponsored by the CCCO was held in Chicago Park near 53rd Street, Chicago, Illinois. Approximately 500 people attended this meeting. DICK GREGORY was a speaker. He urged all present to support the scheduled boycott of Chicago's public schools on June 10 and June 11. He further urged those present to participate

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in vigils which were scheduled to begin on June 7, 1965 at City Hall, Chicago, and at the Board of Education Building in Chicago.

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On August 2, 1965, there was a meeting of the Negro American Labor Council Chapter in Chicago and the CCCO. The original idea of the meeting was to tie in the NALC with the CCCO. AL RABY spoke of the problems within the CCCO, one being that DICK GREGORY was assuming too much on his own without the consent from the CCCO and RABY. It was pointed out that the CCCO is forced to support GREGORY and some of GREGORY's activities even though RABY was not in favor of some of the activities such as the picketing which took place near the residence of Chicago's Mayor DALEY. X(u)

(CG T-8, 8/6/65) X u

Ill. AL RABY is the former convener of the CCCO. RABY is a male Negro and former Chicago public school teacher who has been arrested on a number of occasions in the past two years during civil rights demonstrations in Chicago.

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The NALC is a national organization composed of Negroes belonging to various labor unions. The aim of the NALC is to end discrimination in all levels of Government as well as trade unions and industry.

(CG T-20, 12/13/67) X u

The CCCO is an umbrella type organization consisting of 30 to 40 civic, religious and civil rights type groups. The CCCO is not a membership or grassroots type organization, but operates only with the majority consent of its contributing groups.

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Congress of Racial  
Equality (CORE)

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On June 30, 1967, the CORE 1967 National Convention opened at Municipal Auditorium in Oakland, California. Among the speakers at the opening that session was DICK GREGORY. GREGORY stated that he intended to make a world tour soon. and that he would stop in all the countries receiving foreign aid from the United States. He stated that he plans to ask these countries to donate a portion of the United States funds for distribution to the United States poor.

(CG T-21, 7/7/67)] X u

The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) is a militantly oriented civil rights group with national headquarters located in New York City, New York. CORE aims include work in independent political campaigns as well as concern with slum housing, education, employment, minimum wage and draft laws. FLOYD MC KISSICK, National Director of CORE, stated at a meeting of the national leadership of CORE on 10/13/67, that blackpower must be reckoned with by the white man, and if the black man is not dealt with fairly, "I am not responsible for what might happen." He further stated that wherever black people are killed by the white man, many more will rise tomorrow and drive for black power.

(CG T-29, 10/16/67)] X u

Organization of Afro-American  
Unity (OAAU)

On December 13, 1964, a meeting of the OAAU was held at the Audubon Auditorium, 166th Street and Broadway, New York City. Approximately 300 people attended. DICK GREGORY was one of the speakers. He addressed the group chiefly concerning law enforcement in relationship to the racial situation in the South.

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Nation of Islam (NOI)

On March 31, 1967, a source advised that GREGORY has met with various NOI leaders in the past but there is no evidence of any rapport between the NOI and GREGORY other than the fact they both believe in the Negro cause. X u

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Student Non-Violent  
Coordinating Council (SNCC)

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On April 11, 1964, a source advised that GREGORY announced at a Chicago Press Conference that he plans to begin a 26 city benefit concert tour for SNCC. This tour is to begin with an April 19, 1964, appearance at Boston, Massachusetts.

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On January 12, 1967, STOKLEY CARMICHAEL of SNCC and ILL, other civil rights activists met with DICK GREGORY at The Famous Lounge located on Chicago's West Side for an informal party. ~~X~~ u

(CG T-17, 1/13/67) ~~X~~ u

On April 12, 1964, a meeting sponsored by the Modern Teens was held at 4427 North Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois. Approximately 115 individuals attended this meeting and paid \$1.00 admission. The main speaker at this meeting was DICK GREGORY. GREGORY advised that he was speaking on behalf of SNCC and proceeds raised at this meeting were to go to SNCC.

(CG T-24, 4/21/64) ~~X~~ u

SNCC is known as a chief exponent of the black power philosophy. The Chicago Branch of SNCC is very loosely organized and has no coherent program of activities. SNCC has an office on the second floor at 306 East 43rd Street, Chicago. National leaders of SNCC H. RAP BROWN and STOKLEY CARMICHAEL both have publically espoused to the use of violence to achieve Negro equality and have used the phrase "Hell no we won't go" in reference to Negroes being drafted. ILL

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#### V. ANTI-VIET NAM ACTIVITY

On May 5, 1966, a meeting of the Veterans For Peace in Viet Nam was held at Roosevelt University, 430 South Michigan, Chicago, Illinois in room 85. DICK GREGORY ~~X~~ (U)

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was one of the speakers at this meeting. GREGORY talked about poverty among the Negroes relative to the Viet Nam conflict. He stated he had an idea on how to end the war; he suggested replacing all soldiers with animals because the outcry of Americans to prevent the slaughter of animals was far greater than the outcry against human beings being killed in Viet Nam. ~~(S)~~ (U)

(CG T-25, 5/12/66) ~~(S)~~ u

On May 20, 1967, while appearing at the Village Gate Night Club on Thomas and Bleeker Streets in New York City, DICK GREGORY spoke to a group of persons who had gathered around him in between shows. Concerning the Viet Nam situation GREGORY stated that the United States wanted to continue the war in Viet Nam because they did not want the black soldier on the front line to return home because he would then present a big problem racewise. GREGORY said when these soldiers returned to the states they will not accept segregation, and being combat trained they will be more than equal for any riot trained police. ~~(S)~~ u

(CG T-5, 5/31/67) ~~(S)~~ u

On May 27 and May 28, 1967, the National Economic Conference of the Negro-American Labor Council (previously characterized in this report) was held at the Hotel American, Washington, D.C. DICK GREGORY was among the speakers, at the proceedings which took place on May 27, 1967. Concerning the Viet Nam situation GREGORY stated that he does not have any sons, but if he did have one he, himself, would shoot him rather than have him serve in Viet Nam.

(CG T-26, 6/1/67) ~~(S)~~ u

On August 5 and August 6, 1967, a Hiroshima Rally took place in Atlanta, Georgia. DICK GREGORY addressed a crowd on August 5, 1967. During this address he urged the crowd to "paralyze the economy" of this country in order to stop the fighting in Viet Nam. He made a plea to those present to join in a boycott of the automobile industry adding that this was the only way to reach the "Capitalists who run this country and benefit from the Viet Nam War".

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During the Sunday session on August 6, 1967, GREGORY was the main speaker of the afternoon. He called for "a boycott of Christmas and Thanksgiving" to show protest against the war. He also asked demonstrators to keep the car they have and to disrupt telephone service in an effort to "inconvenience" organizations having a hand in national defense.

(CG T-27, 8/19/67) *ku*

On October 21, 1967, an anti-Viet Nam demonstration was held in Washington, D.C. This demonstration was sponsored by the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Viet Nam. DICK GREGORY was among the speakers at this demonstration. He spoke to the crowds saying he does not care if people burn the United States flag or any flag. He said that flags were only symbols and meaningless.

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VI. INFORMATION REGARDING STATEMENTS MADE  
BY GREGORY RELATIVE TO FORTHCOMING  
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On December 26, 1967, a Freedom and Peace Rally commemorating the 33rd day of GREGORY's "black fast" was held in Carter Temple, C.M.E. Church, 7841 South Wabash, Chicago. Approximately 150 persons attended this rally each paying a \$5 entrance fee. During the course of the rally, DICK GREGORY issued a series of demands that the City of Chicago would have to meet if the City expected to have the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in August, 1968. GREGORY's demands are: (1) enactment of an open housing bill for Chicago by the Chicago City Council as well as protection provided for Negroes, so that they will be able to walk anywhere in the City without fear of being attacked; (2) the lifting of an injunction limiting demonstrations by the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING. This injunction has been in effect since the September, 1966, racial disturbances on Chicago's West Side; (3) the appointment of a Negro to the top echelon of the Chicago Police Department; (4) a guarantee for the health and safety of the Reverend JESSE JACKSON; (5) the highest pay in the nation for Chicago's police and firemen.

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GREGORY stated that if these demands were not met by Mayor DALEY's administration, the Democratic Convention in Chicago would be here only over his dead body.

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Reverend JESSE JACKSON is National  
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economic arm for . MARTIN LUTHER KING's  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).  
The aims of Operation Breadbasket are to seek  
fair employment opportunities for Negroes.

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On January 2, 1968, DICK GREGORY together  
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characterized in this report) [redacted] ILL.

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## VII. ACTIVITIES

### A. Activities of GREGORY in Chicago

On March 7, 1967, CG T-1 advised that DICK GREGORY held a press conference at 1251 West 63rd Street, Chicago. During this press conference GREGORY announced his candidacy for Mayor of Chicago in the forthcoming Mayoral election to be held on April 5, 1967, in Chicago. GREGORY advised that he is running as an independent without Party label. (u)

(CG T-1, 3/7/67) (u)

The April 5, 1967, edition of the "Chicago Tribune", a daily newspaper, published in Chicago, reported in the Three-Star-Final edition on page 6, column 1, that DICK GREGORY was defeated in his bid for Mayor of Chicago by the incumbent Mayor RICHARD J. DALEY. DICK GREGORY received 25,775 write-in votes.

The April 5, 1967, edition of the "Chicago Daily News", carried the following article on page 3, column 1, Red Dart Edition, captioned, "Gregory's Goal: the White House":

"Now Dick Gregory says he's going to run for President.

"Gregory, the Negro comedian, announced his presidential aspirations Tuesday night to a cheering throng of about 500 persons jammed into his mayoral campaign headquarters at 1251 West 63rd St.

"He said he would run for President as a write-in peace candidate. He said his losing total as a write-in in the mayor's race - about 21,000 votes - was a 'tremendous mandate' from the people.

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"'I'm going to campaign all over the country,' said Gregory. 'If nothing else is proved we'll whip George Wallace. If Wallace gets one-tenth the vote I got today he will be lucky.'

Wallace, the segregationist former governor of Alabama, has said he would be a candidate for President in 1968".

### Black Power Convention

On September 1, 1967, the Black Power Convention's opening rally was held at the Hyde Park Methodist Church, 1451 East 54th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Approximately 800 Negroes attended this rally. DICK GREGORY was among the speakers. In his talk GREGORY stated that racism and capitalism are synonymous and must go out together by revolutionary means if necessary, not just in the United States but also in Asia, Africa and Latin America. He stated whitey knows violence will come but does not know where or when. He stated speakers for Negroes would talk "over and under" so that whitey will have no information of value. He urged Negroes to unite in order to show "crackers" their power as a "cracker power" was about to reach an end. GREGORY stated that Negro soldiers returning from overseas and black youths will not take what the old folks have taken in the past.

(CG T-7, 9/2/67) *u*

Black Power Convention (BPC) was held in the Christ Methodist Church during the National Conference for New Politics Convention (NCNP) held in Chicago August 31 - September 3, 1967. The NCNP was made up of delegates primarily of anti-war feelings and advocates of civil rights. Negro delegates to the NCNP formed a BPC because their leaders who were predominantly members of CORE and SNCC, felt that the demands of the Negroes to

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the NCNP would not be accepted by the main body of the NCNP. When the Negro demands were accepted by the NCNP, no further activities were undertaken by the NCNP.

[CG T- 29 , 9/1/67 and 10/25/67] *u*

On September 1, 1967, the BPC held a rally at Hyde Park Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois. GREGORY spoke to those assembled at this rally and said black people need to organize. Only through organization can the revolution be successful. GREGORY stated he hates all white men except Fr. GROPPi of Milwaukee, (characterization later in this report). Anyone who does not hate whitey is a fool. Any black person who would marry a white person is a double fool. GREGORY stated "damn the American flag. Instead of saluting the flag you people should salute your black brothers".

(CG T-30 , 9/2/67) *u*

#### Midwest Black Students Conference

On November 23 - 25, 1967, Midwest Black Students Conference was held in Chicago, Illinois. This Conference was an outgrowth of the National Black Power Conference held in Newark, New Jersey in July, 1967. At one of the sessions at this Conference held on November 27, 1967, at the Christ Methodist Church, 6401 South Sangamon, Chicago, GREGORY addressed a gathering of 175 people. GREGORY spoke of a necessity of Negro citizens uniting to combat the injustice existing in the United States which affect Negroes.

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### Black Fast

On November 22, 1967, CG T-1 advised that GREGORY held a press conference in Chicago. During this press conference GREGORY announced that he was going to begin a 32 day black fast as a protest against the war in Viet Nam. GREGORY stated that he was determined to set an example as an individual American lawfully protesting United States government policies. GREGORY stated that this fast was to begin on Thanksgiving through January 1, 1968, ~~(u)~~ u

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On January 3, 1968, CG T-1 advised that GREGORY ended a 40 day period of fasting immediately after midnight January 1, 1968. GREGORY stated that throughout the fasting period he consumed nothing but distilled water and offered a \$1,000 reward to anyone who could prove otherwise. ~~(u)~~ u

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### Anti-Willis Marches

Daily marches were staged in Chicago by various civil rights groups during the Summer of 1965. These civil rights groups banded together to protest the rehiring of BENJAMIN C. WILLIS, Superintendent of the Chicago Public Schools. The demonstrators marched from Buckingham Fountain to City Hall. DICK GREGORY was observed leading these marchers on a continual basis. During one such march, GREGORY was arrested at Columbus and Balboa Streets and charged with obstructing traffic and making a public nuisance of himself.

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B. Activities Outside the  
City of Chicago

Atlanta, Georgia

The following information was taken from an article captioned, "Gregory Leads 35 in Atlanta Sit-Ins; 3 Cafes Close Up", which appeared in the "Chicago Sun-Times", a daily newspaper published in the Chicago area on December 31, 1963. This article reflects that DICK GREGORY led a desegregation march on a chain of lunch counters on December 31, 1963, at Atlanta, Georgia, forcing the closure of three. The manager of one of the restaurants asked the demonstrators to leave but GREGORY vowed to stay until they are served. The manager subsequently ordered the restaurant closed for extermination.

Arkansas

The "Chicago Daily News", a newspaper published in the Chicago area, contained an article entitled "Gregory Arrested Pine Bluff, Arkansas", in a February 17, 1964, edition on page 9, column 4. This article reflects that GREGORY was arrested at Pine Bluff, Arkansas on February 16, 1964, after he refused to leave a segregated restaurant where he was conducting a sit-in. This article further reflects that GREGORY told an audience of 500 Negroes in a Pine Bluff Church that "the Uncle Toms have got to go. The days are over when these little kids are going to fight your battles for you old folks".

Los Angeles, California

The following information was taken from an article captioned, "New Rioting, 6,000 Fight Cops", which appeared in the August 13, 1967, edition of the "Chicago American", a daily newspaper published in Chicago.

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This article reflects that DICK GREGORY was shot in the left thigh by a .22 calibre bullet as he stood in the center of a Watts riot area during the second night of the Los Angeles rioting. This article further reflects that Los Angeles police said that GREGORY was attempting to mediate between police and the rioters when he was shot. GREGORY was rushed to a hospital where his wounds were described as not serious.

Mississippi

The June 7, 1966, Four Star Final Edition of the "Chicago Sun-Times", a daily newspaper published in Chicago, carried an article which stated that DICK GREGORY flew to Mississippi early on June 6, 1966, to "take up JAMES MEREDITH's march where he left off". The "Sun-Times" quoted GREGORY as disclosing shortly before he departed, "I've never been more scared in my life but somebody's got to do it and I guess I'm the guy". The article reflects that this march as instituted by JAMES MEREDITH was to proceed from Memphis, Tennessee to Jackson, Mississippi. MEREDITH was wounded by an assailant with a shotgun during the course of this march.

JAMES MEREDITH is nationally known as the first Negro to graduate from the University of Mississippi. He is further known as a civil rights activist. N.Y.

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The "Chicago Sun-Times", a daily newspaper, published in the Chicago area, carried an article captioned "Gregory Leads 650 Marchers in Milwaukee", in the September 17, 1967, edition on page 46, column 1. The article reflects that DICK GREGORY was standing in for Rev. JAMES E. GROPPi who was sick with the flu, in the 20th consecutive day of open-housing demonstrations in Milwaukee.

Rev. JAMES E. GROPPi is nationally known as a militant white priest who is a civil rights activist engaged in leading demonstrations for the purpose of obtaining an open housing ordinance in the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

National Conference on  
Black Power, Newark, New Jersey

On July 20 - 23, 1967, DICK GREGORY was among those who participated in the National Conference of Black Power in Newark, New Jersey. The opening meeting for delegates at this Conference was held on July 20, 1967, at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 208 Broadway, Newark, New Jersey. DICK GREGORY addressing this session urged that a petition be started in Newark to obtain 25,000

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signatures which would be used to recall Newark Mayor HUGH J. ADDONIZIO. ~~(U)~~

During the session that took place on July 23, 1967, GREGORY suggested that black men boycott every sponsor on a nationwide level that advertise through the various media during boxing matches. According to GREGORY, this would force the return of MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY) as the heavyweight boxing champion. ~~(U)~~

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New York

A political rally was held by DICK GREGORY at 1251 West 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, on March 15, 1967. Approximately 200 individuals attended this rally. GREGORY stated that he was going to join Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL on March 16, 1967, over the weekend of March 18 and 19, 1967. GREGORY stated that he would accompany POWELL to New York City and in this connection GREGORY stated that if the New York City authorities attempted to arrest POWELL, while in New York, he (GREGORY) would lead demonstrations and "turn the town out" to secure POWELL's release.

(CG T-29 , 3/16/67) ~~(U)~~ u

Seattle, Washington

The February 7, 1967, edition of the "Chicago Daily News", a daily newspaper published in Chicago, published an article captioned, "Gregory's Newest Routine: Fish-In for Indians' Plight". This article reflects the following:

"Comedian Dick Gregory went fishing in an Indian dugout canoe Sunday afternoon in fir-forested Washington State and broke the law by netting two salmon from the nearby Nisqually River.

"Gregory , turning his fervor for civil rights from the plight of the Negro to that of the Indian,

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vowed to stay here-and fish every day in defiance of state law - until 'Uncle Sam honors his treaties with the Indians..'

"Gregory accepted an invitation from the local Survival of the American Indians Assn. to risk almost certain arrest. He was watched from across the river by a green-uniformed agent of the State Game Department.

"Gregory later told newsmen:

"'If I'm arrested, my wife will be flying in from Chicago to go fishing, too. We are trying to force the issue, to get the Justice Department involved and carry this battle for human dignity to the Supreme Court, if necessary....Some people ask if this is a publicity stunt. I say if this is a publicity stunt, then so was the Boston Tea Party.'

*Washington* "James E. McIver, Seattle attorney representing Gregory, said law enforcement officers would have no trouble serving the entertainer with an arrest warrant. 'All they have to do is call me. I'll take him to jail and save the state the expense'.

"No attempt was made by the agent to cross the river and arrest Gregory-at a place called Frank's Landing. Gregory, wearing mud boots and a faded green raincoat over natty sportswear, climbed into the dugout canoe with two Indian brothers, Louis and Leonard Squally.

"Game and fisheries officials maintain that Frank's Landing is outside the Nisqually reservation and is not covered by rights accorded the Nisquallies in a century-old treaty.

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"The Indians contend the river salmon hole is federal land and a part of their guaranteed fishing grounds.

"Authorities said no action would be considered against Gregory until 'high officials' receive a full report Monday.

"Gregory is not the first celebrity to go on the warpath here. Actor Marlon Brando fished with the Puyallup tribe in 1964 and was nearly jailed. San Francisco attorney Melvin Belli joined the Indians in 1965 for a court fight. And last week Washington Gov. Daniel Evans was burned in effigy at Frank's Landing."

On February 7, 1966, the "Chicago Sun-Times", Four Star Final edition, page 14, column 1, contained an article captioned, "Gregory Holds a Fish-In to Help the Indians", which reads as follows:

"Negro comedian Dick Gregory Sunday canceled appearances in Miami, Montreal and New York to help a group of Indians carry on their fishing rights fight with the state.

"Gregory and two Indians netted two steelhead trout, worth about \$5 in a 'fish-in' demonstration defying a state law prohibiting off-reservation net fishing in the salmon and steelhead-bearing rivers off Puget Sound.

"The comedian said he would remain here to fish with the Indians 'every day until the battle is won.'

"State game wardens watched the demonstration on the Nisqually River, 10 miles east of here, but did not arrest Gregory or his Indian companions, Louis and Leonard Squally.

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The following is a physical description of GREGORY as obtained from review of records of the United States Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., and records maintained by the Records and Communications Center, Chicago Police Department:

Name	RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
Alias	DICK GREGORY
Date of birth	October 12, 1932
Place of birth	St. Louis, Missouri
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Nationality	American
Address	<del>1451 East 55th Street</del> Apartment 929, Chicago, Illinois

Height	5'10"
Weight	173 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Distinguishing characteristics	Wears mustache
Marital status	Married
Wife	[REDACTED]
Children	[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (noted: middle names of [REDACTED] form word [REDACTED])

Parents

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 Father, ~~L. PRESELY GREGORY~~, born 1898 in Tennessee;  
 mother, ~~LUCILLE FRANKLIN GREGORY~~, born 1904 in Missouri.

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APPENDIX

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY  
CHICAGO BRANCH

In May, 1967, a source advised that it was his understanding that the currently active Chicago Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was one of the founding branches of the SWP at a 1938 Chicago Trotskyist Convention, and it follows the aims and principles of the SWP which maintains national headquarters in New York City.

Members of the Chicago Branch serve as SWP national functionaries, and per capita membership dues and a sustaining fund quota are sent by this branch on a monthly basis to SWP national headquarters.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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INCORPORATED (OAAU)

On June 28, 1964, MALCOLM X LITTLE, founder and leader of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI), publicly announced the formation of a new, all Negro, militant civil rights action group to be known as the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU), with himself as Chairman. This announcement was made at a public rally held by the MMI in the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City.

A printed and published statement of basic OAAU aims read by MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that it shall include "all" people of African descent in the Western Hemisphere, as well as "our" brothers and sisters on the African continent. It is patterned after the "letter and spirit" of the Organization of African Unity established (by African heads of States) at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May, 1963.

A recording of the remarks of MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that the aim of the OAAU is to eliminate differences between Negroes so they can work together for "human rights," while the initial objective is to "internationalize" the American civil rights movement by taking it to the United Nations. LITTLE condemned the non-violent civil rights movement and claims that Negroes should be taught to protect themselves, when and if necessary. The OAAU will sponsor a program for Negroes in education, politics, culture, economics, and social reform.

MALCOLM X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, New York City.

On April 13, 1965, a confidential source advised that on March 26, 1965, the OAAU filed a Certificate of Incorporation with the Department of State, State of New York, Albany, New York, and henceforth, the organization's true name will be Organization of Afro-American Unity, Incorporated.

On February 28, 1966, a second confidential source advised that the president and head of the OAAU is ELLA COLLINS, a half-sister of the late MALCOLM X, who resides in Harlem, New York.

On May 8, 1967, the first confidential source advised that the headquarters of the OAAU is located at 224 West 139th Street, New York, New York, which is the residence of ELLA COLLINS.

Characterizations of the MMI and NOI are set out separately.

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The March 13, 1964, edition of "The New York Times," a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 20 which indicated that MALCOLM X (LITTLE), former national official of the Nation of Islam (NOI) who broke with the NOI on March 8, 1964, publicly announced in New York City on March 12, 1964, that he had formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). The MMI, according to the article, would be a broadly based politically oriented black nationalist movement for Negroes, only, financed by voluntary contributions. In this public statement, MALCOLM X urged Negroes to abandon the doctrine of non-violence when it is necessary to defend themselves in the civil rights struggle, and he also suggested that Negroes form rifle clubs to protect their lives and property in time of emergencies in areas where the government is unable or unwilling to protect them.

Incorporation papers of the MMI filed on March 16, 1964, with the Business Section, Clerk of Courts, New York County, New York, New York, reflect that the MMI was incorporated under the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York to work for the imparting of the Islamic Faith and Islamic Religion in accordance with "accepted Islamic principals." The principal place of worship to be located in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York.

The May 23, 1964, edition of the "New York Amsterdam News," a weekly Negro newspaper published in New York City, contained an article by columnist JAMES BOOKER in which he indicated that he had heard that the visit by MALCOLM X with Muslim leaders during his African tour has changed him to become soft in his anti-white feelings and to become more religious.

On October 6, 1964, a confidential source advised that the MMI is apparently affiliated with the true orthodox Islamic Religion through its affiliation with the Islamic Foundation (of New York), 1 Riverside Drive, New York City. The only teachings of the MMI are on the Islamic Religion.

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APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly referred to  
as the Muslim Cult of Islam, also known  
as Muhammad's Temples of Islam

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In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 5, 1967, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960 MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 2, 1966, a third source advised MUHAMMAD had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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MODERN TEENS

A source advised on August 1, 1960, that the Modern Teens (MT) started approximately January, 1957, as an outgrowth of a youth club which was known as the CAPS, a Club Against Prejudice, which became active in the Chicago area just after the Labor Youth League (LYL) disbanded.

On April 25, 1960, a second source advised that in April, 1960, [ ] of the Youth Commission, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, and a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, described the MT as a discussion group of socialist-minded youth, which is sponsored by the CP of Illinois, and a point of concentration for the future formation of a national Marxist youth organization.

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According to a third source in May, 1961, the MT is under the guidance and sponsorship of the CP of Illinois, and it is the responsibility of the adult advisor to help obtain speakers for the group who will influence their political thinking. It is also the duty of this adult advisor to consider certain members of the MT for membership in the CP when they have reached their 18th birthday.

A fourth source advised in May, 1965, that [ ] is the [ ] of the MT. This source advised that the MT is a group of young people who meet in the homes of its members once a month during the school months to discuss current events and gather for social functions.

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A fifth source advised in May, 1966, that [ ] a CP member, had the main responsibility of directing the MT.

On March 16, 1967, the fifth source advised that for over a period of a year he has heard of no activity on the part of the MT. Source said that for all intensive purposes the MT was considered by the leadership of the CP of Illinois as defunct during June, 1966. Source added it is the feeling of the leadership of the CP of Illinois that the accomplishments resulting from this organization's existence were negligible.

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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WASHINGTON PARK FORUM, Aka. The South Side Educational Forum, Washington Park Open Forum ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

A source advised on June 11, 1954, that the Washington Park Forum (WPF) started in the 1930s as a spontaneous group of unemployed persons interested in discussing current events. In the late 1930s, the Communist Party (CP) penetrated and took over the WPF. From 1936 to 1940, the CP penetration was so great that it secured and maintained control of the WPF at that time.

A second source advised in May, 1957, that the CP of Illinois was attempting to regain control of the WPF which had been taken over by the Trotskyites.

A third source advised on January 16, 1963, that the "purpose and objectives" set forth in the WPF constitution include "To discuss and educate on the issues of the day through presentation of speakers on different subjects, with free discussion by people in attendance,...to aid in the realization of the Declaration of Independence,...to aid civil liberties and charitable organizations interested in expanding freedom..."

The third source advised on October 28, 1964, that the WPF recently changed its name to "The South Side Educational Forum;" however, most people still referred to it as WPF.

A fourth source advised on October 19, 1964, that the CP in the past had used the WPF as a platform to implement its program; however, there was no clear cut control of the WPF by the CP or any other organization. During the past 18 months the only apparent CP interest in the WPF was in the nature of a few speeches at WPF meetings by individuals connected with the CP; however, for the past several months there has been no CP interest, not even in the nature of speeches.

A fifth source advised on November 5, 1964, that currently the CP of Illinois did not consider the WPF to be one of the main political forces in the Negro community. The CP no longer discussed the WPF and in fact paid no attention to the WPF. Although individual CP leaders, such as CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, CP of Illinois Chairman, maintained personal contact with some of their friends in the WPF, there was no direct following from the CP to the WPF. The CP would consider using the WPF if and when expedient to the CP cause; however, the WPF was basically not considered worthy of concentration by the CP.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Chicago, Illinois  
January 26, 1968

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In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. CG 157-413

Title RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Character SECURITY MATTERS - BLACK NATIONALIST

Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
[redacted], dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

CG T-1 is [redacted]  
[redacted] in the Chicago area. *fu*

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CG T-4 is [redacted]

CG T-6 is [redacted]

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (157-99) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM

OO: Chicago (157-347)

Re Chicago airtel 1/11/68 and Legat. London,  
telephone call to Bureau Supervisor [redacted] 1/26/68.  
This will confirm information furnished telephonically  
to the Bureau that subject arrived in London from Chicago  
8:05 A.M. 1/26/68 on TWA Flight 770. [redacted]

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Sources: [redacted]

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 1/26/68

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-64492) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO: Chicago

*Rush*

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated [ ] and  
Chicago letter to Bureau dated 1/17/68.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a Letter-  
head Memorandum (LHM) and three copies are being furnished  
to Chicago, who are Office of Origin in this matter. The  
enclosed LHM sets forth an additional speaking engagement  
scheduled for the Los Angeles area by GREGORY.

Source utilized in LHM is [ ]

[ ] Los Angeles,  
who has requested that his name be concealed.

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BY: TDP/Int



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Los Angeles, California  
January 26, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is being made to Chicago Memorandum dated January 11, 1968, captioned, "Richard Claxton Gregory"; Racial Matters."

On January 18, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information setting forth an additional speaking engagement scheduled for the Los Angeles area by Richard Claxton Gregory on April 18, 1968.

Gregory is publicly known as a Negro comedian, entertainer and civil rights activist, who has been arrested on numerous occasions relative to his civil rights activity.

Source indicated that the student body at San Fernando Valley State College, Northridge, California, has invited Gregory to speak at the institution on April 18, 1968. The exact time of day for Gregory's presentation has not been determined, but it is considered to be an evening affair.

The tentative arrangements for Gregory's lecture specify that the presentation will be opened to both students and public. Gregory will receive financial remuneration for this appearance, however, the aggregate total of this remuneration is unknown to source.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka  
RM  
RABBLE ROUSERS INDEX (RRI)  
(OO:CHICAGO)

DATE: 1/29/68

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) BY Etc  
DATE 2-6-80

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 11/29/67; Chicago letter  
to Bureau, 1/17/68.

Due to GREGORY's constant travel status and  
lack of organizational affiliation in the NY area, total  
informant coverage is not available. However, it is felt  
that NY's coverage of publicized racial and Anti-Viet Nam  
activities is so complete as to insure coverage of GREGORY's  
activities in the NY area. [redacted] is [redacted]  
[redacted] and would be aware of any civil rights  
activity of GREGORY's in the NY area. [redacted]  
Negro male, date of birth [redacted] is  
the [redacted]  
NYC, a position which he has held for [redacted]  
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[redacted] is also in a position to furnish  
information regarding activities of GREGORY. X (U)

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The following sources of the NY Field Division  
who are familiar with Black Nationalist and racial activities  
were contacted on the indicated dates, but could furnish no  
information regarding any organizational affiliation of  
GREGORY in the NY area. X (U)

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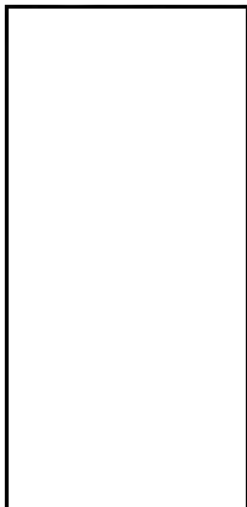
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[redacted] (reliable) reported on 10/25/67, and on 11/3/67, that DICK GREGORY was in attendance at the National Mobilization to End the War in Viet Nam Rally, 10/21-22/67, Washington, D.C. GREGORY spoke, saying that he does not care if people burn the US flag, or any flag. He said flags are only symbols and meaningless. "I'm interested in people." He told the audience what he once told someone who asked him what he would do about the war in Viet Nam if he were president, to which he said he replied: "After I paint the White House, then I'll take care of the war." The files where originals of this information is located are in [redacted] and [redacted]

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. In view of DICK GREGORY's frequent trips to NY, and involvement in demonstrations, both as to racial and Anti-Viet Nam activities, in NY, NY, will maintain contact with racial sources and report any activity of GREGORY to Chicago. ~~(U)~~

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FBI

Date: 1/29/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1731) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CHANGED  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.,  
 Dick Gregory  
 Rabble-Rouser Index  
 RM  
 (OO: Chicago)

Remyairtel, 1/8/68 and Chicago airtel, 1/11/68.

Title is changed to set out complete name in this communication of subject, which is RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. Previous communications in this matter have been captioned "DICK GREGORY, RM."

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies, and for Chicago and New York Divisions, one copy each of LHM covering subject's speech at Springfield, Ohio, on 1/24/68.

On 1/25/68, Chief of Police ISAAC HOLLOWELL, Springfield, Ohio, PD, advised SA [redacted] subject left Springfield, Ohio, sometime on evening of 1/24/68, to travel to Vandalia Airport near Dayton, Ohio. No incidents occurred prior to, during, or subsequent to subject's speech at Springfield, Ohio, on 1/24/68.

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Cincinnati Division is RUCing this matter inasmuch as subject has left this territory. When he re-enters the Southern District of Ohio, Cincinnati Division will reopen and follow.

Information copy to New York Division in light of their interest in subject.

Copy of LHM also being furnished to 109th MI Group, Cincinnati; U. S. Secret Service, Cincinnati; and USA, Dayton, Ohio.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 29, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked:

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service, Cincinnati (RM)

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form,  
becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio  
January 29, 1968

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
Also Known As Dick Gregory  
Speech  
Wittenberg University  
Springfield, Ohio  
January 24, 1968

On January 25, 1968, Captain [redacted] Springfield, Ohio, Police Department, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that Negro civil rights leader and comedian Dick Gregory told a Wittenberg University audience numbering approximately 1,400 students, professors, and area residents that the American system must change "or we will burn the country, house by house." Gregory described America as a "racist society" and called policemen "America's new nigger."

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Gregory saw, according to Captain [redacted] no hope for a peaceful summer, stating that Negroes are tired of the white man's insults and crime within the Federal Government.

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Gregory advised that in the southern part of the United States, five-year-old girls are placed in jail cells with adult lesbians by Southern law enforcement officials. Captain [redacted] advised that at this point in his talk, numerous members of the audience stood up and called, "No. No. No." to Gregory, who reiterated his claim of treatment of five-year-old female girls in Southern jails.

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Captain [redacted] noted that the audience of 1,400 individuals was composed of both Caucasian and Negro individuals. Captain [redacted] advised that the majority of the audience clapped only when Gregory was introduced and after his speech, but a small group of local Negro individuals and a group of students from Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, cheered "wildly" when Gregory spoke of the American flag as a "rag" and when he spoke of "burning every home in the country."

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The January 25, 1968, issue of "The Sun," Springfield,

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Dick Gregory, Speech, Wittenberg  
University, Springfield, Ohio,  
January 24, 1968

Ohio, newspaper, carried the following article concerning  
Gregory's talk, on page 1:

"At Wittenberg

GREGORY WARNS OF VIOLENCE  
UNLESS SYSTEM IS CHANGED

"Civil rights leader and comedian Dick Gregory told a Wittenberg University audience Wednesday night that the American system must change 'or we will burn the country house by house.'

"More than 1,400 Wittenberg students, professors and area residents were on hand to hear Gregory label America a racist society and call policemen 'America's new nigger.'

"'I didn't say the whites are racist. I mean both black and whites are racist. It was here when we got to this country but we're too sick to admit it,' he said.

"The 35-year-old Negro saw no hope for a peaceful summer, saying that Negroes are tired of the white man's insults and crime within the federal government.

"He said that nonviolence was a favor, not an obligation, because the 'Constitution spells out the right of men to carry a gun. We have the right to destroy the government if our rights are abused,' he charged.

"Gregory said he resented statements by Nobel Peace Prize winner Martin Luther King who advocates nonviolence among the Negro population. He said the right to be violent for a right purpose is a personal obligation.

"Every time I demonstrate for my rights as a citizen, I hope it bugs America like it (America)

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bugged me. You haven't lived until you've seen a five-year-old hit in the mouth with a brick,' he said. 'You haven't lived until you see five-year-old girls in the same jail cell with lesbians in the South.'

"Dick Gregory's speaking engagement at the Wittenberg Field House was sponsored by the Wittenberg Union Board and several other school-affiliated groups. Some school authorities reported that he was paid about \$1,000 for the hour-long blast on American society. Tickets were sold to the audience in advance.

"For the first half-hour, Gregory rallied the audience to spontaneous laughter and applause with commentary on U.S. policy in Southeast Asia, federal officials and social habits.

"'I've got a new book out,' he said. 'It's called "Nigger." And my ambition is to put a "Nigger" in every home of this country.'

"His serious comments found favor with many Negroes and whites alike in the crowd as he said his intentions were 'to discuss the symptoms' of the civil rights doctrine. Others in the room looked on with interest but applauded without enthusiasm.

"'The cop in this country is America's new Nigger today. It was society that made him dirt. He's underpaid and mistreated. Unlike the soldier, he doesn't even know he'll be shot. The federal government should pay the widow of a policeman \$10,000 if he is killed,' Gregory said.

"He said that an increase in police salary would 'make a cop think twice about accepting a bribe. He'll then have something to lose.'

"Gregory recently ended a 32-day hunger strike--

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protesting the Vietnam war--and lost 55 pounds.  
He's back to his normal weight but still a disciplined  
vegetarian.

"He compared the 'black revolution in America'  
with the American Revolution against Great Britain.

"'"Get a gun and burn the cities," Stokely  
Carmichael says, and you ask yourself if he's crazy,'  
Gregory said. 'Well he's just as crazy as the  
revolutionaries in the colonies who fought the  
British.

"'They fought over tea, man. But don't tell  
me the colored folks aren't going to fight for  
their brethren,' he added.

"He said politicians don't talk about Black  
Power because it keeps the Democrats in office and  
the Republicans out. He said America has 'always  
been a hoodlum nation' and crime in the streets  
isn't as important as crime in the syndicates which  
'is tolerated by our politicians.'

"Gregory said his write-in campaign for  
President is going well and he expects to draw  
not only Negro votes but also white votes because  
people are 'sick and tired of voting for the lesser  
of two evils.'

"He said earlier in Dayton that his civil  
rights efforts have left him \$35,000 in debt.

"The St. Louis native said the northern white  
middle class population has no idea of the killings  
and civil injustices in the South 'but down there  
a cop is at least honest. He'll say, "Nigger get  
off the street" instead of running around scared.'

"He challenged the Wittenberg audience to visit  
the South--but on the condition that each student



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take back a Negro to his white home. 'Let them really tell you what it's like down there,' he said. 'You're sittin' pretty in your suburbs.'

"He said riots have helped the cause of civil rights, adding 'Henry Ford hired 6,000 Negroes in two days, not because he understood the problem (in Detroit), but because the fire got too close to the Mustangs. You read about that. But did you know they were hired without even a job test?'"

On January 25, 1968, Chief of Police Isaac W. Hollowell advised a Special Agent of the FBI it was his understanding that Negro comedian Dick Gregory had left Springfield, Ohio, on the evening of January 24, 1968, after his talk at Wittenberg University. Chief of Police Hollowell advised there was no demonstration or any unlawful or disorderly activity prior to, during, or subsequent to Gregory's speech.

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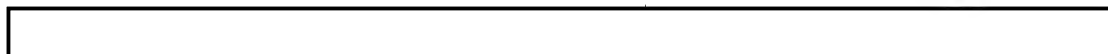
TO DIRECTOR AND LEGATS BERN, PARIS ~~(U)~~

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 09 ~~(U)~~

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RACIAL MATTERS.

RE LONDON AIRTEL JANUARY 26 LAST. ~~(U)~~

SUBJECT APPEARED BRIEFLY ON T V HERE EVENING OF JANUARY  
26 LAST. HE WAS NOT CONTROVERSIAL AND TO-DATE PRESS HAS NOT  
MENTIONED ARRIVAL, DEPARTURE OR TV APPEARANCE. ~~(U)~~



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Date: 2/2/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-386)(P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

*A* OO: CHICAGO

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DATE 1-18-80 BY 2842/CC

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 1/11/68 and  
Chicago letter to Bureau dated 1/17/68.

On 1/23/68. [redacted]

[redacted] Vermillion, South Dakota, a  
long established source, advised SA [redacted] that  
he had just received information that DICK GREGORY had  
apparently been extended an invitation to make a speech  
at the Student Union Building on the campus of the University  
of South Dakota, as of 2/5/68. His speech apparently will  
be a two to three hour talk on "Black Power" and will be  
a question and answer type of speech. This invitation was  
extended to GREGORY by the Student Association Convocation  
Committee which received its money from the Student Government  
Committee at the University. GREGORY apparently is being  
paid \$1,250 for this appearance by the Student Association  
Convocation Committee. It does not appear that he will  
stay overnight in Vermillion and it is unknown specifically  
concerning his arrival in the city.

The source revealed there apparently will be  
no protest actions taken by any groups on the campus at  
the University. There is no indication of any expected

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- 1 - San Antonio (Info.) (RM)
- 1 - Minneapolis

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Approved: *[Signature]*

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disorder nor are there any indications of subversive individuals or organizations sponsoring this event.

Reliable coverage will be afforded this meeting and the Bureau and interested offices will be promptly advised of subsequent developments.

A copy of this airtel is being furnished the San Antonio Office for informational purposes in view of subject's expected appearance there on 2/6/68.

LHM follows.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : *att* [redacted] *WLS*

FROM : W. L. Smith *WLS*

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

1 - [redacted]  
1 - [redacted]

DATE: 1-26-68

1 - Mr. W. L. Smith  
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

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At 5:10 a.m., this date, Assistant Legal Attache Aldon C. McCray, London, contacted Duty Supervisor W. Leon Smith, Domestic Intelligence Division, by defense telephone and advised as follows:

McCray had been advised by the Duty Supervisor, Domestic Intelligence Division. [redacted] McCray has received information that [redacted]

[redacted] and Legal Attache [redacted] will advise Bureau of pertinent developments. b7D

## ACTION:

For information.

WLS:mh (5)

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FBI CHICAGO

1033PM URGENT 2-5-68 RFJ

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423), MINNEAPOLIS AND SAN ANTONIO  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY RM: 00: CHICAGO.

CHICAGO SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT GREGORY ARRIVED O'HARE AIRPORT  
CHICAGO AT THREE PM INSTANT DATE FROM LONDON VIA TWA AIRLINES FLIGHT  
SEVEN SEVEN ONE. GREGORY ARRIVED WITH NEGRO FEMALE IDENTIFIED ON  
MANIFEST AS [REDACTED] SOURCE ADVISED TWO NEGRO MALES, IDENTITIES  
UNKNOWN, MET GREGORY. SOURCE STATED TWO NEGRO MALES REGULAR GREGORY  
BODY GUARDS. STATED GREGORY INTERVIEWED AT O'HARE BY SALLY O'HARE,  
CHICAGO DAILY NEWS REPORTER. GREGORY ADVISED O'HARE PRIVATE PLANE  
PICKING HIM UP SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA AND WILL PROCEED TO UNKNOWN  
DESTINATION TO MAKE SPEECH.

SECOND SOURCE ADVISED GREGORY BOARDED [REDACTED] FLIGHT NINE EIGHT THREE  
ALONE WHICH FLIGHT DESTINED TO ARRIVE SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA  
SEVEN ONE FIVE PM INSTANT. FLIGHT LEFT CHICAGO FIVE ONE FIVE PM.  
SOURCE ADVISED FLIGHT NINE EIGHT THREE ARRIVED APPROXIMATELY SIX THREE  
FOUR PM INSTANT SIOUX CITY, IOWA AND GROUNDED BECAUSE OF POOR WEATHER.  
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) BY PLC  
DATE 2-6-80

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BUS MADE AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS DESTINED TO SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA WHICH IS ONE HUNDRED MILES DISTANT. BUS DEPARTED APPROXIMATELY SEVEN ZERO FIVE PM AND WILL POSSIBLY TAKE TWO HOURS DRIVING TIME TO SIOUX FALS

PREVIOUS INFORMATION FROM RELIABLE SOURCE INDICATES GREGORY HAS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT VERMILLION, SOUTH DAKOTA FEBRUARY FIVE INSTANT. SAME SOURCE ADVISED GREGORY HAS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT FEBRUARY SIX NEXT AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. ~~C~~ (U)

SECOND SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED GREGORY TO LEAVE SIOUX FALLS FEBRUARY SIX NEXT AT SIX TWO FIVE AM VIA [ ] FLIGHT NINE EIGHT TWO TO ARRIVE CHICAGO EIGHT TEN AM FEB. SIX NEXT. GREGORY ON FIRST CLASS WAITING LIST [ ] FLIGHT THREE ONE, O'HARE AIRPORT TO LEAVE CHICAGO FOR SAN ANTONIO NINE FORTY AM, FEBRUARY SIX NEXT, ARRIVAL AT SAN ANTONIO TWELVE TWELVE PM.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

CHICAGO AIRTEL AND LHM JANUARY ELEVEN LAST. MINNEAPOLIS AND SAN ANTONIO HANDLE PER RE CHICAGO AIRTEL . MILITARY ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS COPIES LOCALLY TO USA AND SECRET SERVICE.

FIRST CHICAGO SOURCE IS [ ] CHICAGO PD. SECOND SOURCE IS [ ] O'HARE AIRPORT, CHICAGO.

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URGENT 2-5-68

TO DIRECTOR AND LEGATS BERN AND PARIS  
 FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 11

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RACIAL MATTERS.

RE LONDON CABLE JANUARY 31 LAST.

SUBJECT: DEPARTED LONDON 12:15 P. M. TODAY ON BOAC FLIGHT  
 567 FOR CHICAGO TO ARRIVE 4:05 P. M. CHICAGO TIME. LETTER  
 FOLLOWS.

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CC: MR. TRAINOR  
 ROOM 836 9&D  
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 RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
CHICAGO (157-347) AND SAN ANTONIO  
FROM: MINNEAPOLIS (157-386)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_ b6  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM; OO: CHICAGO.

A SOURCE AT VERMILLION, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED GREGORY  
DID APPEAR BEFORE AN ESTIMATED CROWD OF ABOUT NINE HUNDRED  
PERSONS AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA AT EIGHT P. M.,  
FEBRUARY FIVE LAST. SPEECH TAPED BY RADIO STATION W N A X.  
NO KNOWN SEDITIOUS STATEMENTS MADE; NO DISORDER OR QUES-  
TIONABLE INCIDENTS.

SOURCE AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED GREGORY  
NEVER DID APPEAR AT SIOUX FALLS BUT RENTED CAR, PRESUMABLY  
FROM HERTZ COMPANY, AT AIRPORT AT SIOUX CITY, IOWA, UPON  
ARRIVAL THERE ON EVENING, FEBRUARY FIVE LAST. HE WAS  
ACCOMPANIED BY TWO MEN BUT NO WOMEN.

ONE PERSON NAMED [ ] AND THE OTHER (SIGNATURE [ ]  
ILLEGIBLE APPEARED TO BE [ ] BOTH PERSONS GAVE  
ADDRESS [ ] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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THEY DID NOT ACCOMPANY GREGORY WHEN HE BOARDED PLANE AT  
SIOUX CITY, IOWA, [REDACTED] FLIGHT NINE EIGHT TWO,  
LEAVING SIOUX CITY SEVEN ZERO THREE A.M. THIS DATE,  
SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE CHICAGO EIGHT TEN A.M. DESTINATION  
BEYOND CHICAGO NOT KNOWN.

LHM FOLLOWS.

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cc - Mr Tamm

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Date: 2/2/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-6951) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.,  
Dick Gregory  
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and  
for Chicago, two copies, of LHM re captioned individual.

Confidential source utilized in this memo is  
[redacted] who furnished the information to SA [redacted]

A copy of the attached LHM is being disseminated  
locally to military intelligence, MIG, and NOPD has been  
advised.

LEADS:CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: Chicago is requested to  
contact logical sources in attempt to determine purpose  
of subject's visit to New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: Will follow and report  
subject's activities in New Orleans through logical sources.

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 8) (RM)  
2 - Chicago (157-347) (Encs. 2) (RM)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
February 2, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

On January 31, 1968, a confidential source, who  
has furnished reliable information in the past, advised  
that [REDACTED]

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On February 1, 1968, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] New Orleans, advised that [REDACTED]

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/5/68

Gregory, the prominent Negro entertainer and civil rights extremist, is arriving in Chicago from England today. Information contained in the attached regarding the plans of the British Broadcasting Company to do a documentary film in the U.S. to include Gregory and James E. Groppi, the Milwaukee priest extremely active in civil rights matters, is being included in the White House summary of February 6, 1968. This information also [redacted]

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Date: 2/2/68

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DATE *2-5-80*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, [redacted] (U)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Enclosed for the Bureau, Chicago and Milwaukee are eleven and one copies respectively of a LHM dated and captioned as above.

The confidential source mentioned is [redacted] who had furnished the information on [redacted] (U)

The enclosed LHM is marked "~~Secret~~" due to the sensitive nature of the information furnished by source, [redacted] Any unauthorized disclosure of this information, therefore, would compromise this valuable source, who is of continuing value to the [redacted] (U)

[redacted] to further protect the identity of the source. (U)

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- 1 - Chicago (157-347) (INFO) (ENCL. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Milwaukee (FATHER GROPP) (INFO) (ENCL. 1) (RM)
- 1 - [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan  
February 2, 1968

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Richard Claxton Gregory  
Racial Matters

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had learned that the Producer of Television Documentaries for the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) had contacted Dick Gregory regarding the making of a documentary film in the United States during the Spring of 1968. The film would include Dick Gregory and Father Groppi as the BBC feels that their activities are of great importance and that any film about the United States should not fail to show the particular concern of Gregory and Groppi and have them express it. (U)

This documentary is to be broadcast on BBC television prior to the election of the President in the United States. (U)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX) *1-18-80*  
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OO: CHICAGO *DATE OF REVIEW 2-6-88*

Re Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated  and  
LHM enclosed therewith.

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LHM enclosed with referenced airtel set forth  
itinerary for GREGORY. ~~(U)~~

On 2/6/68 GREGORY departed Chicago at 12:25 p.m. on  
board American Airlines Flight 281 en route to San Antonio,  
Texas, via Dallas. At Dallas GREGORY will travel via Braniff  
Flight 181 to San Antonio. ~~(U)~~

On 2/7/68 GREGORY will depart San Antonio on board  
Eastern Flight 50 en route to New York City. At New York City  
will travel via American Airlines Flight 452 to Hartford,  
Connecticut. ~~(U)~~

On 2/10/68 GREGORY will depart Hartford, Connecticut,  
on board Allegheny Airlines Flight 961 to Washington, D.C. At  
Washington, D.C. GREGORY will transfer to Piedmont Flight 701,  
en route to Richmond, Virginia. ~~(U)~~

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On 2/11/68 GREGORY will depart Richmond on Piedmont Airlines Flight 235 en route to Huntington, West Virginia. In Huntington, GREGORY will transfer to Allegheny Airlines Flight 402 en route to Parkersburg, West Virginia. ~~(U)~~

On 2/12/68 GREGORY will depart Parkersburg, West Virginia, on board Allegheny Flight 500 en route to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he will transfer to Mohawk Airlines Flight 52 en route to New York City. At New York City, GREGORY will travel via Mohawk Airlines Flight 417 to Albany, New York. ~~(U)~~

Chicago will continue to maintain contact with sources in an effort to determine any further information regarding GREGORY's itinerary and so advise the Bureau and interested offices. ~~(U)~~

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1137AM 2-7-68 URGENT JCS

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND SACS CHICAGO (157-347) AND BOSTON  
FROM SAN ANTONIO (157-666) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM. 00 - CHICAGO.

SOURCE AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ADVISED GREGORY APPEARED  
BEFORE AN ESTIMATED CROWD OF TWELVE HUNDRED PERSONS AT ST.  
MARY'S UNIVERSITY, SAN ANTONIO, FEBRUARY SIX, LAST. NO  
KNOWN INCIDENTS SUCH AS PROTESTERS OR DISTURBANCES. UNIVERSITY  
RECEIVED NUMEROUS CRANK TELEPHONE CALLS PROTESTING GREGORY'S  
APPEARANCE.

HE TRAVELED ALONE AND LEFT SAN ANTONIO ELEVEN THIRTY  
P.M., FEBRUARY SIX, LAST, FOR CHICAGO AND PLANNED TO GO  
TO AMHERST, FEBRUARY SEVEN, INSTANT.

A SECOND SOURCE ADVISED GREGORY LEFT SAN ANTONIO VIA  
[REDACTED] FLIGHT FIVE FOUR TWO AT ELEVEN THIRTY P.M.,  
FEBRUARY SIX, LAST. HE WAS TO CHANGE TO [REDACTED] FLIGHT  
FIVE THREE ZERO IN DALLAS TO ARRIVE CHICAGO, FIVE TWENTY-  
THREE A.M. INSTANT.

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Mr. Gale	_____
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FBI RICHMOND

URGENT 2/9/68 LSS

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)  
FROM RICHMOND (157-2254)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA DICK GREGORY CRABBLE ROUSER  
INDEX), RM 00: CG

RECGAIRTEL TO BUREAU, [REDACTED]

SUBJECT SCHEDULED TO APPEAR FEBRUARY TEN NEXT, EIGHT  
FIFTEEN P. M., ON RICHMOND PUBLIC FORUM PANEL AT MOSQUE  
AUDITORIUM, RICHMOND, VA, WITH GEORGIE JESSEL, ROGER PRICE  
AND MORT SAHL. THE PANEL, WHOSE MODERATOR IS DAVE GARROWAY,  
WILL DISCUSS HOW THEY BECAME ENTERTAINERS.

SUBJECT SCHEDULED TO LEAVE RICHMOND SIX FIFTY A. M.  
FEBRUARY ELEVEN NEXT ON PIEDMOND AIRLINES FLIGHT TWO THREE FIVE  
EN ROUTE TO HUNTINGTON, W. VA.

LHM TO FOLLOW.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO PITTSBURGH AND CHICAGO.

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cc-Mr. Tamm

Mr. Tolson\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan\_\_\_\_\_  
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Date: 2/7/68

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-666) (RUC)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM

00: CHICAGO ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Re Chicago airtel and LHM dated [ ] and  
Chicago letter to Bureau dated 1/17/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies of LHM  
suitable for dissemination pertaining to captioned matter.  
This LHM is being disseminated locally to USA, San Antonio;  
Secret Service, San Antonio and Austin; Region I, 112th MI  
GP; OSI; and NISO.

Two copies are being disseminated for the Boston  
Division inasmuch as GREGORY's itinerary reflects he will  
appear in that Division immediately following his visit  
to San Antonio.

SOURCES

First source is [ ]

[ ] San Antonio, Texas; and second source is  
[ ] San Antonio.

- 3-Bureau (Enc-10) (RAM)  
2-Boston (Enc-2) (RAM)  
2-Chicago (Enc-2) (RAM)  
1-San Antonio (157-666)

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Approved: [ ] Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

433 Federal Building  
San Antonio, Texas 78206  
February 7, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 1-18-80 BY 2842/CW

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated  
January 11, 1968, captioned Richard Claxton Gregory,  
Racial Matters.

On February 6, 1968, a confidential source, who  
has furnished reliable information in the past, advised  
that Dick Gregory was scheduled to speak on February 6,  
1968, at St. Mary's Gymnasium, St. Mary's University,  
San Antonio, Texas. Gregory was originally sponsored by  
the Cultural Activities Committee at St. Mary's University,  
which has since been dissolved. The Union Building is  
handling the affair, which is open to the public.

It was source's understanding that Gregory  
planned to leave San Antonio, Texas, early on February 7,  
1968, for Connecticut.

The February 7, 1968, edition of the San Antonio  
Express, a daily San Antonio newspaper, contained an article  
which reflected in part that Negro activist Dick Gregory  
pledged in San Antonio on the night of February 6, 1968, that  
he and his will bring an insane America to her knees.

Gregory said he has as much right to burn an  
American flag as he has to touch a match to his own hair.

The article also pointed out that in a rambling  
fashion, sometimes witty and at other times volatile, he  
fascinated most of his audience for more than two hours by  
denouncing America, President Johnson, the Bill of Rights,  
the war in Vietnam, and what he calls "the dirty, trampy,  
white system."

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The article also reflected Gregory said he is nonviolent but would tell nobody to be nonviolent.

On February 7, 1968, the above-mentioned confidential source advised that Gregory appeared at St. Mary's University on February 6, 1968, before an estimated crowd of 1200 persons. Source advised that Gregory warmed up the crowd using humor; that he broke the tension with humor. Source said Gregory used humor effectively as a speaking technique. He spoke about two hours and twenty minutes. Gregory was travelling alone and left San Antonio at 11:30 p.m., February 6, 1968, for Chicago. He was supposed to go to Amherst today.

According to source, there were no known incidents such as protesters or disturbances. St. Mary's University did receive numerous crank telephone calls protesting Gregory's appearance.

On February 7, 1968, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory left San Antonio, Texas, on [redacted] Flight No. 542 at 11:30 p.m., February 6, 1968. Gregory was to change to [redacted] Flight No. 530 in Dallas to arrive in Chicago at 5:23 a.m., February 7, 1968.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-1865) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau [redacted]

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies, for  
Chicago two copies, and Newark one copy of LHM.

The source mentioned in the LHM is [redacted]

East

Stroudsburg, Pa., who has furnished reliable information in  
the past.

An information copy is being designated for Newark  
inasmuch as the subject has speaking engagement in Ruther-  
ford, N.J., same date as engagement at East Stroudsburg, Pa.

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AT EAST STROUDSBURG, PA.

Will follow subject's appearance through established  
sources [redacted]

3- Bureau (100-440423) (Enc. 10) (RM)

2- Chicago (157-347) (Enc. 2) (RM)

1- Newark (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)

2- Philadelphia (157-1865)

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Per [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

February 9, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was contacted in the spring of 1967 by the Entertainment Council of the Student Activities Association of the East Stroudsburg State College, East Stroudsburg, Pa., and as a result was invited to speak at East Stroudsburg State College on February 15, 1968.

The source further advised GREGORY will give a one hour speech on Civil Rights in the college auditorium and 1,000 students are expected to attend. GREGORY will receive \$1,350 for this speech.

The source stated [REDACTED]

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Date: 2/7/68

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Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)  
 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
 RM *Racial Matters*

OO: CHICAGO

Enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of a news article dated 2/6/68 from the Blue Streak Edition of the "Chicago Daily News"; a daily newspaper published in Chicago, concerning captioned subject.

Chicago continuing to follow activities of GREGORY and will keep the Bureau advised of all information developed.

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# Sally O'Maire

## Dick Gregory's back in town and ready for political bout

WELL, FANS, be of good cheer, Dick Gregory has returned after a month-long stay in London and thereabouts. His new slim, starvation-diet figure was encased in a green jumpsuit, with matching pale green shirt and wide green velvet tie. Brown kid-laced-up boots graced his feet, and the whole bit was topped off with a worn green suede sports hat on his arrival at O'Hare Airport.

Beneath all this splendor, Dick hasn't changed a bit. He ran on about the United States being pagan, barbaric, etc., and proudly displayed his Dick Gregory for President button on the peace ticket of course.



We asked if, being for peace, he would support Sen. Eugene McCarthy. "Heck no, I'm not going to vote for nobody but myself, besides I don't trust politicians!" We pointed out to Gregory that he, too, is a politician if he is running for President. "No, I'm not," he replied. "I'm a statesman. Politicians flex their muscles while statesmen flex their minds."

In London, Gregory opened a campaign office for Americans abroad to support his presidential campaign. During the trip, he also met with some North Vietnamese and proudly displayed a ring they gave him. It was made of silver and had 1900 inscribed on it. "These rings are made from downed U.S. planes, the number represents the number of U.S. planes the North Vietnamese managed to shoot down. It's a souvenir very common over there," Gregory said. "I plan to give it to my kids. It's the first time I ever got any of my tax money back," he added, laughing with the ring.

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CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

DATE: 2-6-68

PAGE: 13 COL: 3

EDITION: BLUE STREAK

EDITOR: ROY M. FISHER

CHICAGO OFFICE

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FBI

Date: 2/5/68

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Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
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Mr. Trotter	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (157-99) (U) (RUC)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM

OO: Chicago (157-347)

Re my cable 2/5/68. (U)

As referenced cable indicates, subject departed  
London 12:15 PM, 2/5/68 for Chicago. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that when subject left London Air-  
port he stated to the British Immigration Officer that he  
had spent all his time in England. This, of course, is not  
true as he made a trip of less than 24 hours duration from  
London to Zurich, Switzerland and return. There was no  
apparent reason why he should say what he did as the entrance  
and exit stamps would have been placed in his passport when  
he did depart for Zurich and returned to London. (U)

Enclosed are two copies of a clipping which ap-  
peared in the "Morning Star" of 2/3/68 indicating subject  
plans to enter politics as a Peace candidate in the forth-  
coming elections. In addition to subject appearing on a  
television broadcast on 1/26/68. [redacted]

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1 - Liaison (direct) EX 109  
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# GREGORY IS SERIOUS



American comedian Dick Gregory announced in London yesterday that he seriously intended to stand as the only Peace candidate in the United States elections.

He intends to travel to various countries in the course of his campaign to win the postal votes

of Americans living abroad. Dick Gregory plans to start another 40-day fast, starting on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday.

On Good Friday, he and his wife Lillian and six children are planning to picket the White House.

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RICHARD CLAYTON GREGORY

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

"Morning Star",  
London, England

Date: 2/3/68

Edition:

Author:

Editor:

Title:

Richard C. GREGORY  
RCA Racial Matter

Character:

or

Classification:

Submitting Office: London

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Date: 1/20/68

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☒ DIRECTOR, CIA

☐ DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

☐ AND NATIONAL INDICATIONS CENTER

☐ DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

☐ DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

☒ WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)  
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VIA TELETYPE  
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From: DIRECTOR, FBI

Classification: ~~Confidential~~ EX 109

Subject: Richard Claxton Gregory 100-440423-103

(Text of message begins on next page.)

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TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

Included in letter to White House  
and Attorney General. Date 1/22/68

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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A CONFIDENTIAL AND RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED THIS DATE GREGORY, A PROMINENT NEGRO COMEDIAN WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS, WAS SCHEDULED TO FLY TO LONDON, ENGLAND THE EVENING OF JANUARY TWENTY, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND LATER TO PARIS, FRANCE. HE IS PLANNING TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES FEBRUARY FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR GREGORY'S PROPOSED VISIT TO NORTH VIETNAM THIS COMING EASTER IN ORDER TO ENTERTAIN U.S. TROOPS BEING HELD PRISONER BY NORTH VIETNAM. NO FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS TRIP ARE KNOWN.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 2/15/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-1121) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(Rabble Rouser Index)  
RM  
(OO:CG)

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 1/11/68.

On 2/6/68, the Passport file of captioned individual was reviewed by SA [REDACTED] and the following information obtained:

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GREGORY submitted application for renewal of passport on 5/19/67. The passport was renewed and will expire 6/12/69. GREGORY'S original passport was issued 6/12/64 and is numbered E 500889. On his application, GREGORY lists his residence as 1451 E. 55th St., Chicago, Ill.

No additional information is contained in subject's passport file.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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*CS*  
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM  
OO: Chicago

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) BY *PLC*  
DATE *2-5-80*

*1-18-80*  
CLASS. & EXT. BY *2842 PVD/ci* (U)  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 *2*  
DATE OF REVIEW *2-6-88*

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau, Minneapolis and  
San Antonio, dated 2/5/68 and Chicago airtel to Bureau  
dated 1/11/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM  
captioned as above. Two copies of this LHM are being  
furnished Minneapolis and San Antonio. One copy is  
being furnished to the USA, Secret Service, Chicago,  
and Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston,  
Illinois.

The first source referred to in captioned LHM is  
[redacted] Chicago Police Department, (Protect -  
requested.) ~~(S)~~ (U)

The second source is [redacted]  
O'Hare Airport, Chicago (Protect - requested.) ~~(S)~~ (U)

The third source is [redacted]  
[redacted] (Protect - requested.) ~~(S)~~ (U)

Chicago will continue to follow and keep the Bureau  
advised of activities of the subject.

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3-Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)  
2-Minneapolis (Encls. 2) (RM)  
2-San Antonio (Encls. 2) (RM)  
1-Chicago  
DAS/sjf C. C. - Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

February 6, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 157-347

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) BY *pte*  
DATE *2-5-80*

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Chicago communication concerning Gregory,  
dated January 11, 1968.

Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick Gregory,  
is a nationally known Negro comedian active in civil rights  
movements, who recently stated that he would disrupt the  
National Democratic Convention in Chicago in August, 1968,  
unless certain demands made by him were met by local Chicago  
authorities.

On February 5, 1968, a confidential source advised  
that Gregory arrived at Chicago O'Hare Airport on this date at  
3:00 p.m. from London, England, on Trans World Airlines. He  
was traveling with a Negro female believed to be [redacted] Two  
unknown Negro males met him at the airport. This source advised  
that Gregory usually has two Negroes with him as body guards. ~~(U)~~ (U)

Gregory was interviewed at the airport by Sally O'Hare,  
reporter for the "Chicago Daily News," a leading Chicago daily  
newspaper. Gregory advised her that he was enroute by commercial  
airlines to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he would be met by a  
private plane to take him to the place where he was to make a  
speech. He did not identify the location of this speech.

On February 5, 1968 a second confidential source  
advised that Gregory boarded flight 983 of [redacted] at  
O'Hare Airport at 5:15 p.m. on this date. He was alone. This  
flight was due to arrive at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at  
7:15 p.m. on this date, but was grounded enroute at Sioux  
City, Iowa, due to poor weather. ~~(U)~~ (U)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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A bus was made available to passengers destined for Sioux Falls, South Dakota, one hundred miles away. This bus departed Sioux City, Iowa, for Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at approximately 7:05 P.M.

On January 11, 1968, a third confidential source advised that Gregory had a speaking engagement at Vermillion, South Dakota, on February 5, 1968, and one at San Antonio, Texas on February 6, 1968. ~~(U)~~

The second confidential source further advised that Gregory was scheduled to leave Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on February 6, 1968, at 6:25 A.M. on [ ] Flight 982 to Chicago, Illinois. This flight was due to arrive in Chicago at 8:10 A.M. on February 6, 1968. ~~(U)~~

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Gregory was on the waiting list for first class space on [ ] Flight 31, leaving Chicago O'Hare Airport at 9:40 A.M., February 6, 1968, for San Antonio, Texas, where it was scheduled to arrive at 12:12 P.M. on this same date.

The above sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, have knowledge of some of the activities of Gregory. ~~(U)~~

A copy of this memorandum has been furnished the following agencies: United States Attorney, Chicago, United States Secret Service, Chicago, and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/13/68

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1077) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.,  
Dick Gregory  
RM  
(OO: CG)

Remytel, 1/18/68, entitled, "VIDEM."

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of LHM. Two (2) copies are being designated for the Chicago Division.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio  
February 13, 1968

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The January 24, 1968, edition of "The Ohio State Lantern," an officially recognized campus newspaper at Ohio State University (OSU), Columbus, Ohio, contained an article reporting an appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, at Mershon Auditorium, OSU, the evening of January 23, 1968. The article, entitled, "Gregory Raps War, Racism," written by David Haglund, Lantern Staff Writer, is as follows:

"A funny man talked about some unfunny things Tuesday night at Mershon Auditorium.

"He talked about a 5 year old Negro boy being hit in the mouth with a brick while trying to remove segregation bars from an elementary school in Greenwood, Miss.

"He talked about a nation engaged in a war to free a far-off population in a far-off land, but not guaranteeing democracy for millions of its own citizens.

"And when he had finished, Negro comedian and civil rights activist Dick Gregory had more than 3,000 people on their feet, applauding a speech that ran the gamut from killing in Detroit to killing in Saigon.

"Lecture Series Debut

"Gregory, who was delivering the inaugural lecture of Student Assembly-South Campus Student

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Association's 'Little Man in a Big, Big World' series, said the primary problem facing the United States 'is not air pollution, but moral pollution!'

"'America is the world's number one racist country, bar none,' he charged. 'I did not say America's white folks, because when we realize that black folks are Americans, too, we gonna have to admit there's a lot of white folks and black folks that are racists.'

"He blamed the American system for nurturing this atmosphere of racial hatred. 'There's no way to talk about America today without talking about violence.'

"'That's why white folks get so upset when they hear the words black power,' Gregory continued, 'because they know what white power is: bombs, hand-grenades, and police dogs.'

"Gregory, at times impassioned, at times violent, and frequently comical, traced the roots of city violence to the role of the policeman.

"'The policeman is America's new nigger,' he said. 'He's the most under-payed, under-respected man in America today. The system is misusing him, so he's misusing the poor folk.'

#### "Warns of Revolution

"Gregory warned of social revolution in the United States if America's youth do not succeed in 'doing the job we should have done when we were coming through.'

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

"'We don't hate you as white folks,' he said, 'we hate your system. That's not war, that's revolt, and you don't stop revolt with numbers.'

"'America's racial pregnancy is just about over, and the baby's gonna fall even if it brings death to the mother and the child.'

"Gregory, 35, said he would run for President this year to give the voter dissatisfied with the Democratic or Republican candidate a chance to express himself."

Appearing on the front page next to the Gregory article was his photograph, with the following appearing underneath: "Mayor Warned - Dick Gregory, at a press conference before his Mershon speech, threatens to disrupt this summer's Democratic convention in Chicago. 'I can do more in Chicago than Mayor Daley can,' Gregory said. 'He can't get five people to demonstrate in front of my house.'"

A review of the two daily newspapers in general circulation at Columbus, Ohio, editions of January 23, 1968, disclosed no reference to the Gregory appearance.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (157-2254) - RUC -

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM

(OO: CHICAGO)

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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, dated  
1/11/68, and Richmond teletype to Bureau, dated  
2/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies  
of LHM re appearance of subject, Richmond Public  
Forum, Richmond, Va., on 2/10/68.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Richmond, Virginia  
February 12, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-2254

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On February 12, 1968, Sergeant [redacted] Intelligence Squad, Richmond, Virginia Police Department, advised that Richard Gregory arrived Richmond, Virginia at approximately 12:30 P.M.; on February 10, 1968 on Piedmont Flight number 701, and was met by [redacted] members of the Reception Committee of the Richmond Public Forum. b6 b7C

Sergeant [redacted] stated that Gregory was accompanied by [redacted] Attorney, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, who was reportedly working with Gregory on a book Gregory was writing. b6 b7C

Gregory went directly to the Sheraton Inn, Richmond, Virginia, where the other members of the panel, who appeared on the Forum, stayed. Panel members were George Jessell, Roger Price, Mort Sahl, and Dave Garroway was the moderator.

Sergeant [redacted] said that Gregory's contract with the Forum stated that he was not to participate in any other activity other than news conferences while in Richmond during the period he was appearing on the Forum. b6 b7C

[redacted] said the Forum started at about 8:15 P.M. and lasted until approximately 10:30 P.M., with the members of the panel discussing the history of the American humor. Gregory's remarks and jokes were mostly about current happenings in the United States, as well as Viet Nam, and the fact that he was running for President of the United States. After the Forum, a reception was held at the home

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

of [REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia, for the panel members and approximately fifty invited guests.

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Gregory spent the night at the Sheraton Inn in Richmond and departed the Richmond Airport at 7:02 A.M. on Piedmont Airlines, Flight 235, en route to Huntington, West Virginia.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423) DATE: 2/15/68

FROM : *fg* SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (157-147) RUE P

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, [REDACTED]

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Referenced airtel with enclosed LHM, dated [REDACTED] indicated subject scheduled to appear at the University of New Mexico for a speaking engagement on 3/4/68.

Sources have been alerted to above.

Information has been received that GREGORY is also scheduled to speak at the University of Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM, on 3/22/68.

*fg* Chicago is requested to contact source and determine if subject has scheduled speech at University of Albuquerque on 3/22/68.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-386) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTERS

(OO: CHICAGO)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
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REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 2-12-88

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau, Minneapolis and  
San Antonio 2/5/68; and Minneapolis teletype to Bureau,  
Chicago and San Antonio, 2/6/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an  
LHM concerning subject. Two copies of the LHM are being  
furnished Chicago and one copy is being furnished San  
Antonio in view of subject's intended travel to San  
Antonio on 2/6/68.

The source referred to in the LHM is an established  
confidential source, namely \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Vermillion, South Dakota, who furnished informa-  
tion to SA \_\_\_\_\_

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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[redacted] Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised on February 6, 1968, he had received information from his office at Sioux City, Iowa, to the effect Richard Gregory, together with two other male persons, would arrive at Sioux City, Iowa, via [redacted] Flight 983 at about 7:00 P. M. on February 5, 1968. There was no indication that any woman was present with the trio.

In addition to Gregory, one of the person's name was [redacted] and the other person's name, which was illegible, appeared to be [redacted]. Both gave their residence as Chicago, Illinois. These three persons rented a car in Sioux City, Iowa, presumably from Hertz Rent-A-Car. They gave no hotel contacts in Sioux City.

Early in the morning of February 6, 1968, Richard Gregory boarded [redacted] Flight 982 at 7:03 A. M., which flight was destined to arrive Chicago, Illinois, at 8:10 A. M. The other two individuals who had arrived at Sioux City, Iowa, the previous evening were not with Gregory on his departure to Chicago on the morning of February 6, 1968.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised Dick Gregory appeared for a previously arranged speaking engagement at the Lacoda Dining Hall, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota, at about 8:30 P. M. on the evening of February 5, 1968. About 900 persons were present to hear him. The crowd consisted mostly of white students from the University of South Dakota. The audience listened politely with some applause and there was no heckling during the lengthy talk. His comments carried an occasional profane word, however, he did not appear to be particularly radical or abusive. The context of his speech dealt with such matters as the plight of the Southern Negro and the substandard conditions of the South Dakota Indians. He did not dwell very much on

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the war in Vietnam and surprisingly stated he did not believe in draft dodging but felt more consideration should be given to legitimate conscientious objectors. ~~(S)~~ (U)

In respect to his personal plans, Dick Gregory said he was going to go on another hunger fast in the near future and intended to be a candidate for the Presidency of the United States. He pointed out when he goes to the White House to take office, he will arrange to have the White House painted black.

Gregory was very well received by the audience present. There were no incidents of disorder or violence nor did it appear Gregory had made any seditious statements. His speech was taped by Station WNAX of Yankton, South Dakota.

It was believed Gregory did not remain in the city of Vermillion, South Dakota, during the night of February 5-6, 1968, but had returned to Sioux City, Iowa, that same night.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1077) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.,  
Dick Gregory,  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM

(OO:CG)

Re CG airtel to Bureau, 1/11/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago are 10  
copies of an LHM concerning subject's appearance at  
Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, on 2/11/68. Ten (10)  
copies are being furnished to Chicago for distribution  
to interested agencies.

GREGORY is scheduled to appear at Muskingum  
College, New Concord, Ohio, on 2/19/68, and this will  
be reported in separate communication.

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File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio  
February 15, 1968

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On Sunday, February 11, 1968, Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick Gregory, appeared on the campus of Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, in connection with Negro History Week at Ohio University, scheduled for February 9 through February 17, 1968. Gregory is a Negro comedian - entertainer and civil rights activist who has been arrested on numerous occasions relative to his civil rights activity.

Other speakers scheduled to appear at the university during Negro History Week include Floyd McKissick, Executive Director of the Congress for Racial Equality (CORE), and John Wooten, Cleveland Browns football guard who is Executive Secretary of the Negro Economic and Industrial Union, followed by Cleveland Browns teammate, Jim Brown, Cleveland, Ohio.

Gregory appeared in Memorial Auditorium on the university campus, Athens, Ohio, at 3:00 PM on February 11, 1968, speaking on "Civil Rights and Black Power".

The following newspaper articles appeared in "The Post", student newspaper, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, on February 12, 1968:

"Gregory Views Freedom; Pledges Fast" by Clarence  
Page;

"Telling It Like It Is" by Deena Mirow; and

"The Post" editorial, "Black Truth".

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The article captioned "America's 'Moral Pollution' Attacked By Dick Gregory" appeared in "The Messenger", a daily newspaper published in the Athens, Ohio area, page 1 in the February 12, 1968 edition.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (157-253) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM

DATE: 2/21/68

(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 1/11/68.

Enclosed for Bureau are six copies of LHM and for Chicago two copies of LHM concerning subject's speech on 2/12/68, at Amsterdam, New York, sponsorship of the Fulton-Montgomery Community College, Johnstown, N. Y.

Investigation continuing at Albany.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Albany, New York

February 21, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On February 14, 1968, Captain [redacted] Amsterdam, New York, Police Department, advised that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY fulfilled his speaking engagement on the evening of February 12, 1968, at the Wilber Lynch High School, Amsterdam, New York. Subject was sponsored by the Student Activities Committee of the Fulton-Montgomery Community College, headquartered in Johnstown, N. Y. Subject allegedly received \$1,000 for the speech which was attended by approximately 450 to 500 individuals, mostly in the college age group.

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[redacted] advised that subject gave what appeared to be a prepared speech and referred to notes during the process. Subject seemed to hold the attention of the audience in his condemnation of President Johnson, the role of the United States in Vietnam and the lack of public concern for the Negro and their problems.

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Subject apparently lost this audience support when he started condemning the American flag. Subject in effect stated that if he bought an American flag that it was his, his very own, that he could do with it what he wanted and that he could even burn it. He stated that the American flag was nothing but a rag. He stated that the Americans put too much value on their flag and cited as an example that in England they do not have such feelings. To prove his point he displayed a shopping bag made out of a British flag.

Subject also commented on the fact that the United States is not paying enough money to fight organized crime. The U.S. is spending all of its money on foreign aid and in fighting the war in Vietnam. GREGORY stated that

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Re: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

the people in Vietnam do not want our type of democracy which we are trying to shove down their throats. For this reason, we should get out of Vietnam.

Captain [ ] advised that the meeting was orderly and that approximately two thirds of the audience left after the speech and before subject held an open question and answer session.

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He advised there were no disorderly incidents either inside or outside of the auditorium.

On February 14, 1968, [ ] Investigator, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Fonda, New York, also advised that the meeting was orderly and presented no problem. He stated that those present clapped when they agreed on a point made by subject and that those who did not merely sat still.

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TO: DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (157-1496)

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Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
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Miss Gandy

APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAYTON GREGORY, AKA DICK GREGORY;  
JOHN B. STETSON UNIVERSITY, DELAND, FLA., MARCH EIGHTEEN,  
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. RACIAL MATTER.

[REDACTED] ADVISED FEB. TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT, THAT A STUDENT

QUOTE FREEDOM RALLY UNQUOTE WAS TO BE HELD EARLY EVENING OF  
FEB. TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT, AT STETSON UNION BUILDING. THIS  
RALLY TO PROTEST CANCELLATION OF THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE  
OF GREGORY. RALLY BEING SPONSORED BY STUDENT UNION BOARD

[REDACTED] OF THE STUDENT

GOVERNMENT; [REDACTED] STUDENT UNION BOARD,  
CULTURAL COMMITTEE, AND [REDACTED] POLITICAL EMPHASIS  
WEEK [REDACTED] LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Detroit (157-new)

PROPOSED APPEARANCE OF  
DICK GREGORY,  
BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN  
3/8/68  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM disclosing information regarding the appearance of DICK GREGORY, nationally known Negro comedian at Benton Harbor High School, Benton Harbor, Michigan, at 8:00 p.m., 3/8/68, which appearance is sponsored by the Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, Michigan, Student Senate.

A copy of this LHM is also furnished G-2, Detroit, Secret Service, Grand Rapids and the USA, Grand Rapids.

This matter will be followed.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
February 14, 1968

Re: Proposed appearance of  
Dick Gregory,  
Benton Harbor, Michigan,  
March 8, 1968

On February 13, 1968, [redacted]  
[redacted] Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, Michigan,  
advised that the Student Senate of his college was sponsoring  
an appearance on March 8, 1968, at 8:00 p.m. of Dick Gregory,  
nationally known Negro comedian.

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[redacted] stated that tickets were available to  
students of his college for \$1.50 per person until February 23,  
1968, at which time they would be sold to the general public  
for \$2.00 per person.

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Also on February 13, 1968, Captain [redacted]  
Benton Harbor Police Department, advised his department was  
aware of Dick Gregory's appearance at Benton Harbor on  
March 8, 1968, and that to date there was no indication of  
any planned demonstrations or possible riots.

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# Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-440423 )

DATE: 2/13/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

(Resubmission - approved)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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OO: CHICAGO

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Date of Birth <b>10/12/32</b>		Place of Birth <b>St. Louis, Missouri</b>																									
Position in Organization <del>No known organizational affiliations</del>		Occupation, Business Address (Show Name of Employing Concern) <b>Entertainer Dick Gregory Enterprises 79 West Monroe Street, Suite 712 Chicago, Illinois</b>																									
Residence Address <b>1451 East 55th Street, Apartment 929, Chicago, Illinois</b>																											

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The following information was obtained from the [redacted], Chicago Police Department (protect requested), public sources, and other sources who have furnished reliable information in the past.

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GREGORY, nationally known as a night club entertainer, is a civil rights activist who publicly endorses civil disobedience and militant type action by Negroes under the auspices of the civil rights movement. GREGORY, in a recent speech at Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, warned that the American system must change "or we will burn the country house by house."

GREGORY has also publicly denounced the policies of the United States in Viet Nam. In August, 1967, during a speech in Atlanta, Georgia, GREGORY urged his audience to "paralyze the economy" in this country in order to stop the war in Viet Nam. In this respect he suggested a boycott of the automobile industry. He further urged his audience "to disrupt telephone service in an effort to inconvenience organizations having a hand in the national defense."

GREGORY has threatened to disrupt the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago in August, 1968. He has issued a series of five demands to Chicago's Mayor RICHARD J. DALEY warning that if these demands are not met by the Chicago city administration, the Democratic Convention will be held in Chicago only over "my dead body."

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Date: 2/14/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-NEW)

SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
aka Dick Gregory  
JOHN B. STETSON UNIVERSITY  
DE LAND, FLORIDA 3/18/68  
RM

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On 2/8/68 contact was had with appropriate local law enforcement agencies at DeLand, Florida, and these agencies were furnished necessary background information in this case in order that they might be alert to information received which might be significant to intelligent evaluation re possible racial problems in connection with subject's appearance at John B. Stetson University, DeLand, Florida.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Jacksonville, Florida  
February 14, 1968

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

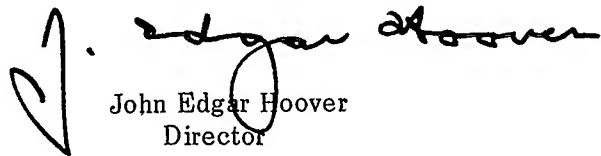
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3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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February 14, 1968

APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
JOHN B. STETSON UNIVERSITY  
DE LAND, FLORIDA, March 18, 1968  
RACIAL MATTERS

On February 8, 1968, [redacted]  
John B. Stetson University, advised a representative of  
the FBI that Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick  
Gregory, was invited some months ago by members of the  
Student Government at John B. Stetson University, DeLand,  
Florida, to appear as a guest entertainer and he, Gregory,  
did accept for March 18, 1968.

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According to [redacted] Gregory's appearance at  
John B. Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, will be  
in connection with so-called political emphasis week at  
the University.

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According to [redacted] individual students at  
Stetson University contributed the money requested by Gregory  
for his appearance there. [redacted] further emphasized that  
the school did not in any way solicit these contributions  
from the students at Stetson University.

[redacted] advised that from what he understood,  
Gregory was originally invited to Stetson University as  
a regular entertainer.

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[redacted] added that in all probability the Union  
Hall at Stetson University will be provided for Gregory's  
appearance.

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San Antonio, Texas 78230

Dear



I have received your letter of February 13th and appreciate the concern which prompted you to write.

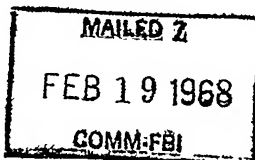
You may be assured the FBI, which is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, is aware of the activities of the person you mentioned and any information obtained which might indicate a violation of Federal law over which this Bureau has investigative jurisdiction is furnished to the United States Department of Justice for prosecutive consideration. However, under no circumstances will this Bureau ever engage in harassment or intimidation in carrying out its responsibilities.

I thought you might like to know that the only Federal law which makes it a violation to desecrate or improperly use the National flag is in the District of Columbia. I might add, however, there are several bills currently pending before Congress which would make desecration of our flag anywhere in the United States a violation of Federal law.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

See NOTE Page Two.



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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. Our files indicate Gregory has made numerous vicious attacks against the Director and the Bureau and there are indications that he is demented and mentally unbalanced. He has supported the Black Muslims and injected himself into Negro movements. He has also espoused causes and individuals closely associated with the Communist movement. He has recently been on a speaking tour throughout the country and we have been closely following his activities and keeping the Department advised.

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San Antonio, Texas  
13 February 1968

Mr. John Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

Several days ago Dick Gregory appeared here in San Antonio at St. Mary's University by invitation of the school for the purpose of giving a lecture, this lecture was attended by nearly a thousand people. I did not attend his lecture but read accounts of it in our local newspapers which I believe quoted him correctly and I believe that if their quotes of him are correct that he has made several statements that I consider to be of a treasonable nature.

Some of his statements were that the American flag was "a dirty rag" and that he has a right to burn the American flag if he has a desire to do so. I can only presume that he has made many other statements, both here and in lectures elsewhere, that would turn the stomach of any good American who has a love for his country and the flag that waves over it.

Now I firmly believe that if I had made any such statements that I would very shortly be on my way to the penitentiary, as well I should be, yet this man is free to roam the country at will and get up in front of groups of people and damn his country along with the flag that waves over it, and as far as I know there has been no action if any taken against him, Why?

Not only do I feel that Dick Gregory should be punished for his crimes, and I consider his statements to be a crime, but I feel that any school or organization that permits Dick Gregory the freedom of their campus or property to continue his treasonable remarks should be investigated, harassed and intimidated by the F.B.I. until he would no longer be welcome to speak anywhere.

If I can be of any service to you or your organization or be of any help in bringing this matter to a head please feel free to call on me as I will gladly do everything in my power to see if I can help you put this man behind bars.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Yours truly

San Antonio, Texas 78230

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-1496) (P)

RE: APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory;  
John B. Stetson University  
DeLand, Florida  
3/18/68  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jacksonville, Florida

February 20, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory,  
John B. Stetson University,  
DeLand, Florida, March 18, 1968  
Racial Matter

On February 20, 1968, [redacted]  
[redacted] DeLand, Florida, advised  
that a student "Freedom Rally" was to be held early evening  
of February 20, 1968, at Stetson Union Building. This rally  
is to protest cancellation of the scheduled appearance of  
Gregory. The rally is being sponsored by Student Union  
Board [redacted] of  
the Student Government; [redacted] Student  
Union Board, Cultural Committee; [redacted] Political  
Emphasis Week [redacted]

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February 20, 1968

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Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

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INFORMATION NOTE

Date 2/21/68

Dick Gregory is a Negro professional comedian who has been spending a majority of his time in the civil rights field. The attached indicates that he was scheduled to speak at the John B. Stetson University, Deland, Florida, on 3/18/68. The trustees have decided to cancel his appearance.

Copies of the attached have been furnished to the Inter-Division Information Unit and the Attorney General.

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FBI JACKSVLE

9:50PM EST URGENT 2/20/68 JLB

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM JACKSONVILLE (157-1496)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	✓
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Miss Gandy	

APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY- AKA-JOHN B. STETSON  
UNIVERSITY, DELAND, FLA. THREE, EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT. R. M.

RE JK AIRTEL TWO, FOURTEEN SIXTYEIGHT

[REDACTED]

AN ESTABLISHED SOURCE, ADVISED AT APPROXIMATELY, FIVE THIRTY P.M.  
TODAY, SOME THREE HUNDRED PEOPLE ALL OF WHICH EXCEPT A FEW NEWSPAPER  
REPORTERS WERE STUDENTS AND OR FACULTY MEMBERS OF ABOVE UNIV, ASS-  
SEMBLED AT STETSON ROOM ON CAMPUS AND HEARD DR. PAUL GEREN AS FIRST SPEAK-  
ER. DR. GEREN EXPLAINED THAT WHERE A CONTRACT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO GRE-  
GORY PRIOR TO HIS TERM OF OFFICE AND THAT ALTHOUGH HE WOULD HAVE  
AGREED TO ALLOW GREGORY TO HAVE APPEARED HE FELT EVERYONE SHOULD NOW  
SUPPORT THE TRUSTEES DECISION TO CANCEL GREGORYS APPEARANCE.

JOHN WELCH, PRESIDENT OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT, ABOVE UNIV.  
WAS NEXT TO SPEAK AND SAID IN ESSENCE WHERE HE DID NOT PERSONALLY  
AGREE BASICALLY WITH DECISION OF TRUSTEES, HE TOO SINCERELY FELT,  
EVERYONE SHOULD NOW SUPPORT THERE DECISION.

DR. JOHN HAGUE, HEAD OF AMERICAN STUDIES DEPT, ABOVE UNIV.  
WAS LAST TO SPEAK AND HE SAID IN ESSENCE EVERYONE SHOULD SUPPORT  
DECISION OF TRUSTEES AND THAT EFFORTS SHOULD NOW BE MADE TO GO FOR-  
WARD IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH BETTER ACADEMIC FREEDOM.

[REDACTED] THEN ADVISED THE RALLY WAS WELL ORGANIZED, COMPLETELY  
ORDERLY, AND ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE OF ANY DEMONSTRATIONS OR PROTEST.

[REDACTED] ADDED THAT A SEMINAR HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED  
ON CAMPUS FOR A FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND THAT SOME  
POSSIBLE FURTHER TYPE MEETINGS WILL BE SENT NEXT WEEK.

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February 21, 1968

Appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory,  
Also known as Dick Gregory;  
John B. Stetson University,  
DeLand, Florida  
March 18, 1968

On February 20, 1968, [redacted]

[redacted] DeLand, Florida,  
advised that at approximately 5:30 PM on that date some 300  
people, which included a few newspaper reporters, but mostly  
students of the university, and a few faculty members of the  
university, had assembled in the Stetson Room located on  
campus and had heard Dr. Paul Garen as the first speaker.

According to [redacted] Dr. Garen explained to the  
assembly that prior to his assuming the presidency of the  
university, arrangements had been concluded by a student  
group at the university for Dick Gregory to appear as a  
speaker on March 18, 1968. He then pointed out that he  
assumed everyone was aware of the fact that the trustees  
of the university had met and had decided to cancel  
Gregory's appearance there on March 18, 1968, for the  
reasons given as being in the best interest of the  
university, as well as the community. He then emphasized  
although he would have possibly personally agreed to allow  
Gregory to have appeared, he felt that everyone should now  
support the trustees' decision.

According to [redacted] John Welch, President,  
Student Government, above university, was the next speaker  
and he said in essence that where he did not personally  
agree with the decision of the trustees in this matter,  
he too, sincerely felt that everyone should now support  
their decision.

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Appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory,  
Also Known As Dick Gregory;  
John B. Stetson University,  
DeLand, Florida, March 18, 1968

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[ ] then explained that Dr. John Hague,  
head of the American Studies Department, above university,  
was the last to speak and he said in essence that everyone  
should support the decision of the trustees in this  
matter, and that efforts should be made to go forward in  
an effort to establish better academic freedom.

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[ ] then advised that the rally was well  
organized, completely orderly, and absolutely no evidence  
or sign of any type demonstration or protest was observed.

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[ ] concluded by explaining that a seminar  
had been tentatively scheduled on campus for Saturday  
morning, February 24, 1968, for a further discussion of  
academic freedom and that quite likely further type  
meetings will be scheduled or set for the next week.

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United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
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Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)